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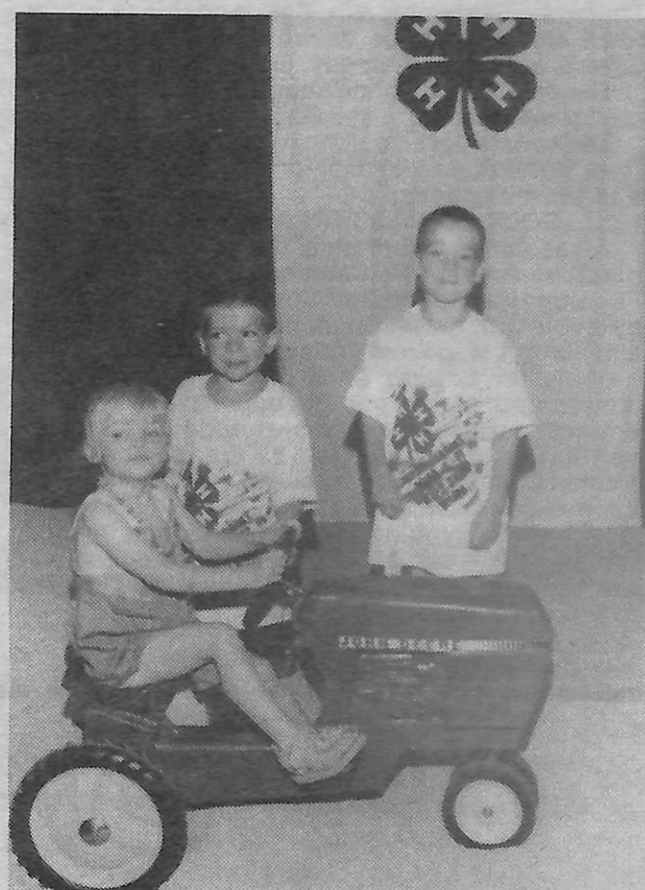
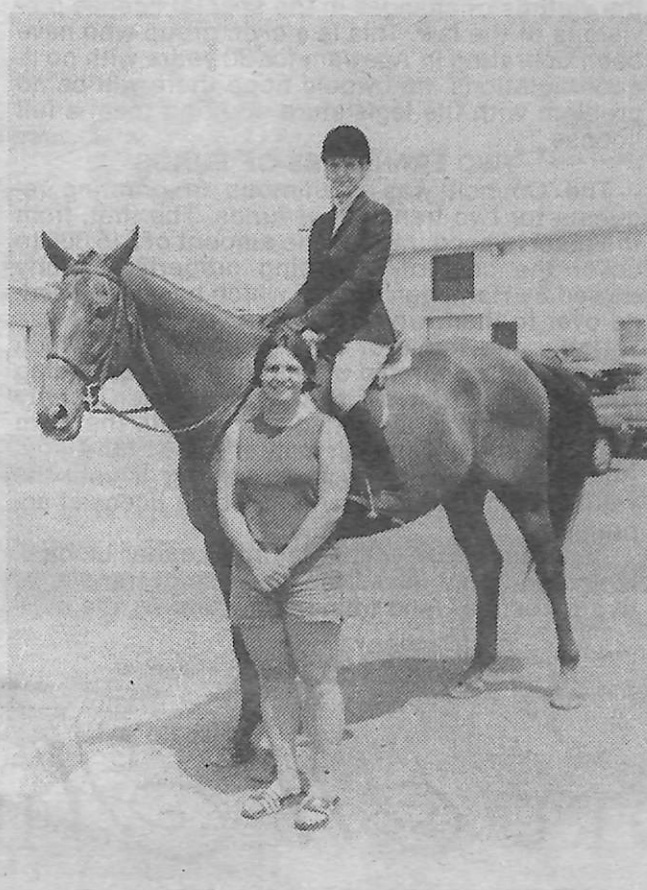
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Locals At Annual 4-H/Youth Fair...



AGAWAM AND FEEDING HILLS RESIDENTS participated in the 47th annual Hampden County 4-H/Youth Fair on Saturday, July 31st, on the grounds of The Big E. IN LEFT PHOTO: Bob Binnenkade (representing the Polish American Club Bingo, which donated money for trophies and ribbons) with various "critters" and 4-H'ers Elise-Mae Psholka, Karl Psholka, Eric Knox, and Tiffany Knox. IN CENTER PHOTO: Sandy Rueli-Donatien and Sarah Bonini. IN RIGHT PHOTO: The future of 4-H — Kathrine Paltz, Brigham Capps, and Nicholas Capps. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

"Carnival Time" At Perry Lane...



IN LATE JULY, a carnival was held at Perry Lane for its young campers and residents of Agawam and Feeding Hills. Among the activities that were available at this festive event were face painting (left photo), miniature golf (center photo), and ring toss competitions (right photo). Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

From The August 2nd Town Council Meeting...

"A Piece Of The News"

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

POSTING OF ELECTION WARRANTS

Council was unanimous in accepting the posting of the warrants for the town preliminary election on October 5, 1999 and for the town election on November 2, 1999.

The Board of Registrars will meet to certify signatures on all nomination papers at 5:00 p.m. on August 17th, the last day to file nomination papers.

The last day for filing withdrawals of or objections to nomination for the preliminary election is 5:00 p.m. in the Town Clerk's office on Thursday, September 2nd.

The last day to register as a voter to be qualified to vote in the preliminary election is Wednesday, September 15th, and the last day to register for eligibility to vote in the town election is Wednesday, October 13th. On both days, the Town Clerk's office will be open from 8:30 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Drawing for ballot positions in the primary election will be at 5:00 p.m. in the Clerk's office on Thursday, September 9th. Ballot positions for the town election will be drawn at 5:00 p.m. in the Clerk's office on Thursday, October 7th.

The last day for filing recount petitions is Friday, November 12th, at 5:00 p.m.

The town's seven polling locations will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for both the preliminary and town elections.

GOLF COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

A resolution confirming the Mayor's appointment of **Andrew C. Campbell**, 30 Barry Street, Feeding Hills, to the Golf Commission was tabled by a vote of 7-2, with Councilors **Nancy Thompson** and **Robert Magovern** voting against.

Councilor **Edward Caba** proposed the tabling motion until he has had the opportunity to obtain answers to his concerns over appointing Campbell to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of former Commissioner **Daniel C. Yorke**. The term expires on December 31, 2000.

"I have a problem with this (appointment)," Caba said. "It bothers me that a hired consultant can serve on a board that expends money related to the town budget."

Supporting Caba's tabling motion were Council President **Donald M. Rheault** and Councilors **John Negrucci**, **Gina Letellier**, **Gary Geiger**, **Jill Simpson**, and **Dennis Perry**. Councilors **George Bitzas** and **Robert Young** were absent due to vacation and a business commitment, respectively.

TURNVEREIN'S LIQUOR LICENSE

With no discussion, the Council gave its unanimous approval to a resolution requesting the filing of special legislation to grant the Springfield Turnverein a full liquor license as requested by the mayor's office and the Liquor Licensing Commission.

It will take a special act of the state legislature to straighten out a bureaucratic snafu that would lead to the closing of the Springfield Turnverein unless a licensing problem first uncovered by a local beer distributor is corrected.

"Through no fault of their own, the Turnverein is in a unique set of circumstances," Mayor **Christopher Johnson** said. "Essentially, they are the victims of changes in the special license provisions of the law. This is a civic group who have been operating in Agawam for 30 years with no liquor violations, so I would hope there will be no problem with the legislature granting them a full license."

TWO TRANSFERS OF FUNDS

The Council was unanimous in granting requests for two transfers of funds. The first, from the reserve account, is in the amount of \$15,300 to cover the cost of assessing property formerly owned by Hampden County which has been deeded over to the town of Agawam.

Under the terms of the 1998 state law which transferred ownership of land parcels in Feeding Hills and in Agawam to the town when county government was abolished a year ago, the town must pay the full and fair market value of the land. But, the town can't begin to pay for it until the value of the land is determined by a licensed appraiser.

Last summer, Senate Majority Leader **Linda J. Melconian** announced the successful transfer of two parcels of land formerly owned by the now-

defunct Hampden County to Agawam for the creation of an industrial park on 195 acres located opposite the police academy on South Westfield Street and for the preservation of 50 acres on School Street as open space or for agricultural, recreational, or horticultural use.

Under the terms of Melconian's land transfer bill, the town will pay five percent of the total value of the land to the state each year for 20 years for the 195 acres in Feeding Hills. The payments will begin three years from the date of the transfer and the land must be used for economic development. The 50 acres on School Street must be paid for in full five years after the date of the transfer. The School Street property must be used for any valid agricultural, horticultural, or recreation purpose.

The town has been working with the state Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance with the assistance of WestMass Area Development Corporation in setting up the methodology for the appraisals and selecting an appraiser to do the work.

WestMass, which will develop another green space park like the Agawam Regional Industrial Park on the South Westfield Street acreage, has agreed to pick up \$5,000 of the cost of the appraisals, leaving the town with a balance of \$15,300 for the services of The Foster Company of Leominster, Massachusetts, according to the Mayor.

The second transfer is from the salary reserve account to fire department salary accounts to cover the cost of salary increases, overtime, and holiday pay.

Mayor Johnson said the \$72,000 salary transfers will pay for the first year (Fiscal Year 1999) of the three-year collective bargaining agreement recently reached with the firefighters' local union.

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- **Heritage POPS 18-piece Orchestra** (5:30-7:00PM) - Main Tent
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Letters To The Editor

Main St. Should Be Alternative Route To Park

To The Editor:

About Mr. Peetros' letter on July 29th. He seems to have the facts EXTREMELY WRONG!

Main Street has 19 businesses, four churches, one Senior Center, two schools, one funeral home from the Main St. exit to Riverside Park, and most of Main Street is two lanes.

We have senior citizens crossing Main St. to go to churches and other businesses constantly, and believe it or not, people living on Main St. also have children. Shocked? It's true!

We also have three sets of traffic lights. Main St. has more than its share of traffic without Riverside Park.

Where River Road, a more direct route, and always was the road used to go to Riverside, has none of the above. Just a straight road with nothing to tie-up traffic. No one knows why this route was changed, but it should be changed back.

We are urging the Mayor and Town Council to use River Road as the primary and Main St. as the alternative route to Riverside Park.

William O'Connell
Agawam

Restaurant Mgrs. Should Listen To Local Residents

To The Editor:

Dr. Jawitz's expertise in Russian history was interesting, but he failed to mention that they are still using reusable needles for injections and are way behind us in health care. It seems the good doctor is as antiquated in his knowledge of health issues as is Russia.

Now that we must abide by our Board of Health's decision, I am challenging the managers of our restaurants to listen to the will of their townsmen. I suggest that they try going smoke-free for six months, and that they advertise openly that they are doing so because they respect the will of the people as depicted by several surveys and because they care about the health of their customers and employees.

I live within walking distance of three excellent eating establishments. Yet, in spite of the inconvenience, I travel three or four times a week to neighboring towns to dine. Surely, you must be aware of the numerous Agawamians who are doing likewise.

The ball is in your court now! I should like to hear your response to my suggestion.

Sincerely,
Millicent Barnard
Feeding Hills

Valley Community Church Welcomes New Pastor

To The Editor:

Valley Community Church has had a short period of time - since June - to welcome Pastor Gene deJoung, his lovely wife, Claire, and two of his boys, Chris and Nate.

This past weekend, many of us had the pleasure of witnessing the renewal of Pastor Gene and Claire's wedding vows on the occasion of their 25th anniversary. This joyous occasion was also witnessed by many of their relatives from Illinois, as well as Fall River, Mass.

Guests included Claire's mother as well as their brand new granddaughter. Their son, Jacob, also an ordained minister and father of the new baby, officiated. Their son, Christopher, walked his mother down the aisle to the beaming Pastor Gene.

Pastor Gene sang the beautiful "My Cup Runneth Over With Love" to Claire as they stood before the altar. Christopher also sang a solo, "Thank You Lord" to his mother and father. Nate did an excellent job as acolyte, lighting the candles and attending to other duties at the altar.

After the ceremonies, we retired to Dunn Hall for a feast fit for a king. Many goodies were brought by church and family members. Our own Melody Hill made the scrumptious three-layer cake.

We at Valley Community Church have been blessed with a caring Shepard who, along with his family, we are sure, will guide us to the paths Our Maker wants us to follow. We know it will be up to us individually and collectively to follow the paths to which we are led. The ministers of our church include all of our members and friends. Together, we can make a difference.

When, in February, our search committee presented Pastor Gene to the congregation for a vote after interviewing many candidates, there was not a dry eye in the sanctuary when the vote came back unanimous. Our congregation has not had any regrets since. By the time they arrived in June, many of us felt we had been friends with the deJoungs for all of our lives.

We pray that this family will be a part of our church family as well as our community family for many years to come. They come willing to minister to every individual and family in our com-

munity. We at Valley Community Church are proud to share their talents with all who believe.

WELCOME, PASTOR GENE, CLAIRE, AND FAMILY!

We wish to take this opportunity to thank Ric Sardella and his staff for all their support over the years, especially to Jack Devine, who never missed a supper, but he never ate with us.

Good luck on your retirement, Jack. Maybe now you will have time to sit down and enjoy a chicken dinner with us. We promise you won't have to do dishes.

Members of Valley Community Church

An "Open Letter" To The Management Of Riverside

To The Editor:

I once again write this as an open letter to the management of Riverside Park as well as our Town Council and the Mayor of Agawam.

Mr. Tim Black, Vice President and General Manager of Riverside, was kind enough to respond to my previous letter directly. I appreciate the time Mr. Black took to reply, but I feel there are still issues that need to be addressed.

I am asking that Riverside immediately suspend any and all efforts to direct traffic to River Road. At this time, these efforts only amount to the directions on the billboard on the South End Bridge, but each day I expect to see a sign right at the rotary steering cars down River Road.

With each passing day, more and more traffic follows the directions on the billboard down River Road. I feel this represents an immediate danger to the children that live and play along River Road. Anyone that doesn't realize this, need only drive down River Road on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon to witness the amount of child activity taking place.

In all fairness to Riverside, I feel that they have been good neighbors in the Town of Agawam. When the summer concerts caused major problems, they cancelled them outright. I venture to guess that the summer concerts were quite profitable for Riverside and I applaud them for putting what's right before what's profitable.

The construction of the footbridge has greatly reduced the traffic tie-ups on Main Street and the large number of police officers that are hired on a regular basis has provided a high level of security and traffic control for the residents.

Please take one more step towards ensuring the safety of our children by keeping your traffic on main roads that are better suited to handle the volume of cars. Have the billboard changed and discontinue any further efforts to utilize River Road as a route to your park.

I thank you in advance for your consideration on this issue.

Sincerely,
Todd Peetros
Agawam

"NEWS" - from Page 2...

The new collective bargaining agreement calls for cost-of-living adjustments of 3.3 percent in FY 1999, 3.25 percent in FY 2000, and 3.3 percent in FY 2001, according to Johnson's memo to the Council.

Previously, the Council approved salary transfers to fund the first year of the collective bargaining agreements reached by the town with the unions representing clerical workers, administrators, nurses, police supervisors, building maintenance workers, DPW employees, and the police patrol officers.

The agreement reached with the firefighters is the last of the town's negotiations to be completed with the eight collective bargaining units representing town employees.

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Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you...

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LEGAL NOTICE

You are hereby notified that a public hearing will be held at Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street, in the Town of Agawam, Massachusetts, at 7:00 o'clock p.m., on Tuesday, September 7th, 1999 upon petition of New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. and Western Mass. Electric Company dated July 21, 1999 for permission to: customer at 777 Silver St. is building a new two car garage. 2 joint poles need to be relocated in order to provide service in the ways or parts of

TOWN OF AGAWAM PUBLIC HEARING

ways designated route of line you are an owner of real estate as determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation.

Dated this 4th day of August, 1999. Information regarding this petition may be obtained from Western Mass. Electric Company in Springfield. Tel. No. 785-5871.

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Ursula Retzler
Clerk of the Council

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Development Study Could Spur Zoning Reform In Agawam

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

If commercial and residential development continues under the current zoning regulations to the point where the town is "built out," the school system will need classroom space, teachers, and teaching materials for nearly twice as many students, and the town will be faced with providing services to nearly twice as many households.

Those new households will generate an additional 10,489 tons of solid waste each year and consume 1.5 million gallons of water each day. Getting to the projected new residences will require 118 more miles of roadway.

Building out to the limits of commercial development will add 14.6 million square feet of commercial and industrial floor space and account for an additional one-million gallons of water use every day, not including the amount of water used in special manufacturing processes that utilize water.

At its meeting last week, the Planning Board received the results of a buildout analysis prepared by the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) under the sponsorship of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs.

Catherine Ratte, the author of the buildout study, gave a brief presentation of her findings to Planning Board members Edward Shibley and Ronald LaRiviere, even though a formal meeting could not be convened due to the lack of a quorum.

Planning Director Deborah S. Dachos said there will be a second presentation by Ms. Ratte some time in the fall for Town Council, the Building and Health Inspectors, and the boards charged with enforcing the zoning ordinances, including the Board of Appeals, the Board of Health, and the Planning Board.

LaRiviere said it may be time for the town to take a look at the zoning regulations in terms of limiting residential growth by increasing the lot size requirements.

"With our present zoning, we'd have a large influx of residential housing and that puts the town in a negative position in terms of the cost of the support services," LaRiviere said. "Larger lot sizes would be one way of reducing the number of households by having more property devoted to each home."

Admitting that he is not an engineer, LaRiviere said common sense leads him to believe that increasing lot sizes in areas not served by sewers might help alleviate septic system failures by providing more area for use as leach fields.

"Worst Case" Scenario...

Ms. Dachos said the results of the PVPC study are a "worst case" scenario of the effects of development under the existing zoning, the lot sizes, and what is allowed in the various zoning districts, and should be viewed as a first step in the process of zoning reform.

Also, some of the findings could be disputed because the study included acreage that is zoned for residential or commercial use but would be difficult, if not impossible, to develop.

"The figures for the Industrial A zone acreage includes land that is not developable in the floodplain and the biggest chunk of industrial land, the 600 acres in the Silver Street/Suffield Street/Shoemaker Lane triangle, would be difficult to develop because of utilities easements, multiple ownership, and the topography of the land," Ms. Dachos said. "And Provin Mountain could theoretically be used for residential development, but it would have to be done using the California technology that allows for building on the sides of mountains and that hasn't been done in this area," she added.

While the PVPC study contains figures that could be disputed, the work can still serve as a springboard for a consultant to use in continuing with the zoning reform begun by the recodification process currently in progress. The zoning information could be used in producing the buildout maps and the new zoning map as planned at the completion of the recodification project, Ms. Dachos pointed out.

"I'm already in discussions with the PVPC to have a zoning map drawn," Ms. Dachos said. "They took all that antiquated information and put it into their Geographic Information System and now they can make numerous copies in varying sizes, even as large as a wall map, and it will cost the town less money than a private consultant."

Two Possible Directions...

Reserving judgment on the implications of the PVPC study until a more detailed and accurate scenario is prepared by a consultant hired by the town, Ms. Dachos said the preliminary information points at two possible directions for future development in Agawam.

The town could limit residential development by acquiring some of the developable acreage, by using cluster zoning, or by increasing the requirements for lot sizes. However, if the town is not going to be pursuing those avenues of zoning reform, it will be faced with looking into ways to support that amount of residential development, possibly through overrides of Proposition 2½, Ms. Dachos said.

"Agawam is still in a position to shape the final character of the community, but the industrial inventory is not adequate to take us through another decade without overrides of Proposition 2½," Ms. Dachos said. "We are desperately trying to locate another industrial park since there is only one buildable lot left in the Agawam Regional Industrial Park (if pending sales go through and we're attempting to identify additional industrial land)."

Using the PVPC study as a starting point, Ms. Dachos recommends hiring a consultant to get a thorough buildout analysis, including a fiscal analysis of the impact of continued residential development under existing zoning regulations. The next step would be backtracking to determine what would be a reasonable amount of residential growth. This would take into account the amount of commercial/industrial development that will be needed to support the increases in fire and police protection, road maintenance, schools, trash pick-up, and additional recreational facilities.

Included in the PVPC study were Agawam, Northampton, Hampden, and Amherst. The study was conducted to create an approximate vision of the potential for future growth that would be permitted under the existing zoning and subdivision regulations in the four towns.

The study is intended to be an estimate of future growth aimed at giving residents and town officials a better understanding of the implications of development under current zoning rules.

The study's predictions are based on the amount of developable land minus wetlands, and with a series of formulas that take into account requirements for land use in the floodplain and in areas covered by the Rivers Protection Act. Also, factors such as parking guidelines in the industrial zones and the width of roads in residential developments were included in making adjustments to the amount of developable land.

Water consumption figures were based on 75 gallons per day for residential use and 75 gallons a day for each 1,000 square feet of commercial floor space. Residential solid waste predictions were based on the average rate of 1,026 pounds per person each year, and the number of additional students was based on an average of 2.27 persons and 41 students per household.

The preliminary population projection for the year 2010 is 31,356 residents (an increase of 4,635). At buildout, households are expected to increase from 10,432 to 19,439, and school-aged children will jump from 4,320 to 8,013 (an increase of 46 percent or 3,693 additional students).

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Nancy Thompson's Mayoral Campaign Launches A Website

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Within days of launching her mayoral campaign into cyberspace, Town Councilor Nancy Thompson was getting responses from as far away as Germany and as close to home as Main Street.

Reaction to www.thompsonformayor.com has been mostly favorable, eliciting comments ranging from "nice presentation," "well done," and "easily readable" to pointing out a proofreading error, Ms. Thompson said.

"We'll be changing a misspelled word right away, and we'll be adding more pictures to the site as the campaign goes down the line," Ms. Thompson said.

After checking out the campaign websites used by the mayors of Springfield and Newberryport, the Thompson Campaign Committee sat down with a web page designer to create a site that would present as much information as possible about the candidate in as user-friendly a format as possible.

The result is a website that combines photos, narratives, and bulleted listings to inform web-users of the pertinent facts concerning Ms. Thompson's stand on the issues, as well as biographical information and her record of public service to the town on the Agawam Council on Aging and the Italian Sister City Commission; her record as a Town Councilor; and her memberships in the Massachusetts Municipal Association, the Massachusetts Municipal Councilors Association, and the Women Elected Municipal Officials.

"... The Communication Tool Of Today ..."

"I don't know if other campaigns are going to be using a website, but I did this because I wanted to reach people with the communication tool of today," Ms. Thompson said. "A lot of people don't have the time to go to meetings or attend coffee klatches, so this will give them a chance to see who I am, what I've done, what I'd like to do, and how I'll do it."

At the heart of the site is the issues page, where the information is displayed in a user-friendly way that is easily read and digested, according to the feedback received by the campaign so far, Ms. Thompson said.

Along with the issues page, there are pages outlining upcoming campaign events and a page for volunteers to sign on to the campaign. By the end of the week, there will be an E-mail address included in the site for questions, comments, and suggestions for the campaign, Ms. Thompson said.

Tribute For Mayor Johnson Slated For Friday, October 1st

A tribute will be held for Mayor Christopher C. Johnson on Friday, October 1st starting at 6:00 p.m. at Alexander's Restaurant in Feeding Hills.

The event is to celebrate the 10 years of service that Mayor Johnson has given to the Town of Agawam.

Tickets can be purchased from any member of the committee: Robert Danie, Scott Hibbert, Ronald Lariviere, Rita Moore, and Ray Wyckoff or by contacting Ray Wyckoff at 64 Rosie Lane, Agawam, MA 01001.

Tickets will be limited, so the committee would advise anyone who plans to attend this event, purchase their tickets early.

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by Ruth C. Bitzas
Veterans' Agent — 786-0400, Ext. 236/237

Agawam will be participating in Operation Recognition this year. Bob McKean, Director of State Veterans' Cemeteries, and I met with Agawam School Superintendent Dr. Frank Ameruso a couple of months ago about the program.

He was very enthusiastic and brought the issue up to the School Committee, who were very supportive of the idea of awarding Agawam World War II veterans who left high school to join the military their Agawam High School diplomas.

We will meet again in a month or so to form a committee to oversee the project. The committee will include some High School teachers and students and the Veterans' Council and project committee members to assist the school in providing High School diplomas to eligible Agawam veterans. A very special graduation ceremony will be planned by the entire Operation Recognition Committee.

If you are a World War II veteran and attended Agawam High School and left school before finishing and went into the military to serve your country, you may be eligible to receive your High School diploma.

Forms to apply for "Operation Recognition" diplomas may be obtained at the Department of Veterans' Services, Agawam Town Hall. If you have questions on eligibility, please give us a call at the aforementioned number.

(There will be more on this special project in future articles. Several communities in Massachusetts have participated, and the project is now going nationwide.)

Passed By State Senate... Full Funding For Library Construction Project In Agawam

Senate Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) has announced passage of the FY'99 Capital Outlay Conference Budget Report that includes \$30,190,680 to fully fund the Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program Waiting List.

"This is wonderful and welcome news for Western Massachusetts. Important library construction projects in Agawam, Springfield, East Longmeadow, and Northampton will finally receive state funding," said Melconian.

The Agawam Public Library will receive \$1,777,294 from the state and will raise \$220,000 in private funds for an estimated \$5 million project.

"This financial responsibility should be shared by the State. By full funding the current 22 library construction projects on the waiting list, we clear the way for future projects still in the planning stages," said Melconian.

"We should not view libraries as dinosaurs of a bygone era. Libraries have been and will continue to be an important resource for our young and old. They are historic buildings for meetings, learning, and cultural growth," she concluded.

On April 30, 1999, Melconian testified in favor of Senate Bill 1455, An Act Providing for the Improvements of Public Library. The improvements contained in that bill were included as part of the FY'99 Capital Outlay Conference Budget Report.

The funding for this FY'99 Capital Outlay Conference Budget Report is derived from Fiscal Year 1999 Surplus Dollars. The House and Senate passed the FY'99 Capital Outlay Conference Budget Report on August 4, 1999. The bill was then sent to the Governor for his signature.

From Melconian's Office...

State Senate Enacts Minimum Wage Increase

Senate Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) announced the enactment of HB 4543, An Act to Increase the Minimum Wage in the Commonwealth, during a recently held formal Senate Session. The enactment, which increases the minimum wage from \$5.25 to \$6.75 an hour by 2001, was passed by a unanimous Senate vote of 37-0.

"The Senate has pushed for an increase in the minimum wage for three years and it gives me great pleasure to see that this bill will finally proceed to the Governor's desk following a unanimous vote of approval," said Melconian. "The working men and women who have been the backbone of Massachusetts' booming economy deserve the benefits of our state's prosperity."

There are some differences between the recently enacted bill and the one originally sponsored by Senate President Birmingham and Majority Leader Melconian.

The Senate version contained an increase of \$1.50 in increments over three years and then indexed that wage level to increases in the cost of living. The enacted bill increases the minimum wage by the same \$1.50, but does so in only two years and contains no provisions for indexing. When this bill becomes law, Massachusetts will have the nation's highest minimum wage in the year 2001.

The House enacted this bill by a voice vote during its informal session on Monday, August 2, 1999. The bill has since proceeded to the desk of Governor A. Paul Cellucci, where he was expected to sign the minimum wage increase into law.

Fundraiser/Reception Planned by Thompson For Mayor Committee

The Thompson for Mayor Committee announces that it will host a fundraiser/reception for Nancy E. Thompson, candidate for Mayor of Agawam.

This reception will be held on Friday, August 20th beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Oaks Banquet House on Suffield Street in Agawam. Tickets are priced at \$20 each.

Nancy E. Thompson has served as an Agawam City Councilor since 1992. She was elected Council President in 1995 and 1996. Councilor Thompson will share her vision for Agawam, issues she will address, and action plans that she will implement as the next Mayor of Agawam.

Anyone interested in purchasing tickets may do so by mailing a check to: Thompson Committee, 19A Mansion Woods, Agawam, MA 01001-2364.

Senior Employment Bulletin Board On Display At Senior Ctr.

A new Senior Employment Bulletin Board is on display at the Agawam Senior Center.

The Board is in response to the growing number of older citizens who are returning to the workforce and the number of employers who are seeking elders to fill full- and part-time positions.

Employers interested in posting positions should send them to the Agawam Senior Center, 68 Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam, MA 01001, or fax them to 789-4092.

For more information, call 786-0400, ext. 242.

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— Agawam Obituaries —

James F. Randall

James F. "Josh" Randall, 77, of Agawam, died recently in a local nursing home.

He was a clerk at the Tapley Street Post Office for many years and retired in 1985.

Born in Westfield, he spent most of his life in Feeding Hills.

He belonged to Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1847 in Westfield and the Disabled American Veterans.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II.

His wife, the former Georgia Anastos, died in 1996, and he also was predeceased by a son, James M.

He leaves three other sons, Christopher J. of Cove City, North Carolina, Gary S. of Boise, Idaho, and Paul M. of Loveland, Ohio; a daughter, April Bellucci of Chicopee; a sister, Edna Curran of West Springfield; and eight grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home, with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery, Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association, 393 Maple Street, Springfield, MA 01105, or Covenant Community Church, 112 Amostown Road, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Harold F. Potts

Southwick: Harold F. Potts, 78, died recently at home. He was a former co-owner, operator, and president of Bay State Elevator Co. of Agawam.

He was also chairman of the board of directors of the company with which he was affiliated since 1946. Born in Pittsfield, he graduated from Pittsfield High School and lived in this area since 1961.

He was a member of the Aircraft Owners & Pilots Association of Washington, D.C., and the Nash Car Club of America. He was an Army Air Corps veteran of World War II.

He leaves his wife of 59 years, Dorothy "Dedo" Anderson; three sons, Gary F. and Frank, both of Southwick, and Harold F. "Buddy" Jr. of West Suffield, CT; a daughter, Darlene P. Utzinger of Southwick; a brother, Bernard J. of Lenox; a sister, Grace P. Horth of Dalton; and 12 grandchildren.

All services were private and handled by Southwick Forastiere Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to Noble Hospice, 77 Mill St., Westfield, MA 01085 or to The Master's School, Westledge Road, West Simsbury, CT 06092.

George E. Fontaine

George E. Fontaine, 14, of Springfield, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

Born in Springfield, he lived in Feeding Hills for many years before moving back to Springfield.

He was a student at Forest Park Middle School and had previously attended James Clark Elementary School and Agawam Middle School in Agawam.

He played baseball for the Sacred Heart Athletic Association of Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills and for the Babe Ruth All-Star League. He also wrestled for Agawam Recreational and had won many medals.

He was a communicant of St. Anthony Maronite Church.

He leaves his parents, Mark E. and Debra A. (Foster) Fontaine; two sisters, Katherine M. Fontaine and Carolyn A. Fontaine, both at home; his paternal grandparents, G. Eugene and Joan E. (Drewnowski) Fontaine of Feeding Hills; his maternal grandparents, George J. and Felicity M. (Gentile) Foster of Springfield; and his maternal great-grandparents, Bernard and Arlene (Trombley) Drewnowski of Feeding Hills.

The funeral was held at the Agawam Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery, Feeding Hills.

Memorial contributions may be made to the George E. Fontaine Memorial Fund, 40 Parkview Drive, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

Kenneth E. LaFontaine

Kenneth E. LaFontaine, 77, of 528 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, and 22 Dion Grove Road, Harrisville, New Hampshire, died recently in Exeter (New Hampshire) Hospital.

He worked at Hamilton Standard for 32 years, retiring as lead man in 1988.

Born in Suffield, Connecticut, he lived in Feeding Hills since 1948 and in Harrisville since 1988.

An Army veteran of World War II, he served in the African and Italian campaigns as a member of the 361st Infantry, 91st Division, 3rd Battalion Headquarters. He was awarded the Bronze Star and the Presidential Citation.

He was a member of Feeding Hills Congregational Church, a life member of the VFW in Keene, New Hampshire, a member of the Hamilton Standard Retirees Club, and the Agawam Golden Agers.

He leaves his wife of 53 years, the former Margaret Reddin; a son, Kenneth E. Jr. of Westfield; a daughter, Janet Campbell of Windsor Locks, Connecticut; a brother, Thomas of Kentucky; a sister, Dorothy Staszko of Suffield; and a grandson.

The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 813 Williams Street, P.O. Box 61210, Longmeadow, MA 01106-1210, or to the American Heart Association, 1111 Elm Street, Suite 9A, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Doris M. Kerigan

Doris Martha (Roberts) Kerigan, 87, of Springfield, died recently in a local nursing home.

She was a court stenographer for the Springfield District Courts for 20 years and also worked as a legal secretary for a local law firm.

Born in Springfield, she was a graduate of Agawam High School.

She was a member of the Catholic Daughters of St. Michael's Cathedral.

She was predeceased by her husband, Joseph Kerigan.

She leaves two brothers, Warren H. Roberts of Feeding Hills and Norman W. Roberts of Agawam.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home in Agawam, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Catholic Daughters at the cathedral, 260 State Street, Springfield, MA 01103.

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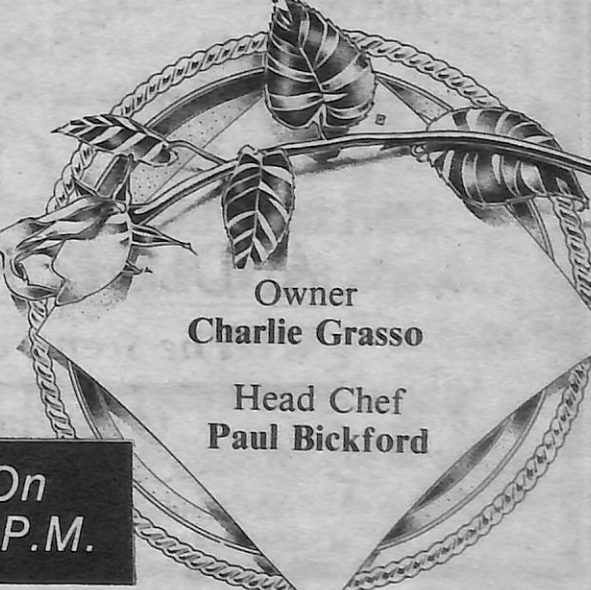
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OBITUARIES - from Page 7...

Stephen J. Giannetti

Stephen J. Giannetti, 84, of 8 Lincoln Street, Feeding Hills, died recently in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

He worked at the Feeding Hills Post Office for 28 years.

Born in West Springfield, he lived in Feeding Hills for most of his life.

He was an Army veteran of World War II and received the Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

He was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church and a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post.

He leaves his wife of 50 years, the former Martina Nannini; two sons, Stephen J. Jr. of Vernon, New Jersey, and Vincent A. of Southwick; two daughters, Mary L. Labonte of Virginia Beach and Donna A. Mooney of Chesapeake, Virginia; four sisters, Antoinette Longo, Pat Tenero, Mary Gentile, and Theresa Veneroni, all of West Springfield; and three grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and the church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104.

Mary T. McCormick

Mary T. (Murray) McCormick, 74, of Beekman Drive, Agawam, died recently at home.

She was a 15-year secretary at the Riverside Amusement Park Speedway and retired in 1997.

Born in Philadelphia, she graduated from Classical High School in Springfield and lived in Agawam and Feeding Hills since 1979.

She was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church.

Her husband, James E. McCormick, died in 1980.

She leaves three daughters, Patricia A. Gates of Suffield, Mary A. Anderson of Milford, and Margaret E. McCormick of Boston; a brother, Thomas Murray of Feeding Hills; two sisters, Rita Chyba of Feeding Hills and Helen Flanagan of Hallandale, Florida; and two grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home and the church, with burial in Center Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice of Western New England, P.O. Box 9058, Springfield, MA 01102-9058.

Ronald A. Penna

Ronald A. Penna, 52, of Arizona and formerly of Agawam, died recently in Arizona.

Born in Springfield, he lived in Agawam for many years before moving to Arizona.

He was a 1965 graduate of Agawam High School and was an All-Western Massachusetts football player. He also played football for Ithaca College.

He leaves his parents, Alfred R. and Jean E. (Burke) Penna of Agawam, and a sister, Marilyn J. Kane of Agawam.

A memorial service was recently held, and Agawam Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

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by Fire Chief David Pisano

Guidelines On Preventing Electrical Fires

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To keep you and your family safe from electrical fires, the Agawam Fire Department encourages you to use the following guidelines:

- When you shop for appliances or tools, look for the mark of a recognized testing laboratory (i.e., Underwriters Laboratories [UL] or Factory Mutual [FM]) on the box of appliance itself.

- If an appliance is hot to the touch, sparks, or does not operate properly, unplug it immediately and have it repaired or replaced.

- Portable appliances should only be plugged in when you intend to use them. Otherwise, keep them unplugged.

- On appliances with removable power cords, always unplug at the source of power first.

- Be on the lookout for damaged or frayed cords and wires, and replace when necessary. Take care not to kink, twist, or cut any cord.

- If an appliance has a three-prong plug, do not attempt to use it in a two-slot electrical outlet by cutting off the third prong or bending it out of the

way.

- Keep appliances clean and lubricated according to the manufacturer's instructions.

- Minimize the use of extension cords. They are designed for temporary use only and should be the right capacity for the tools or appliances on which they are used.

- If you are experiencing problems with blown fuses or tripped circuit breakers, have a qualified electrician check your electrical system.

If you have an electrical fire, remember you shouldn't use water to extinguish it. You could receive a severe shock.

If you know the fire's source is electrical, turn the power off or pull the plug. If the fire is small, put it out, but be prepared to evacuate the area and call the fire department at 911. If you can't turn the power off, a multi-purpose (ABC), dry chemical extinguisher can be used.

As long as it's used safely, electricity can greatly improve the quality of life. For additional information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

Rheault's Headquarters To Open At 833 Springfield St., F.H.

Mayoral candidate and City Council President Donald Rheault announced that a site has been selected for "Rheault for Mayor" headquarters at 833 Springfield St., Feeding Hills.

"The site is now being prepared for plenty of activity," Rheault said, "telephones, signs, banners, and other promo items are in the works."

"It should be ready to open soon," Rheault continued. "At that time, we'll announce a formal opening with phone numbers."

"I'm extremely pleased at the response so far. It is very encouraging to have so many people offer sign locations, volunteer their time, and lend financial support."

"Many continually ask how they can contribute. Contributions may be sent to the Committee to Elect Donald Rheault, P.O. Box 136, Feeding Hills, MA," Rheault said.

Volunteers may phone Korbey or Pete Clark at 786-2113, Rudy Altobelli at 786-1577, or Don Rheault at 786-4043.

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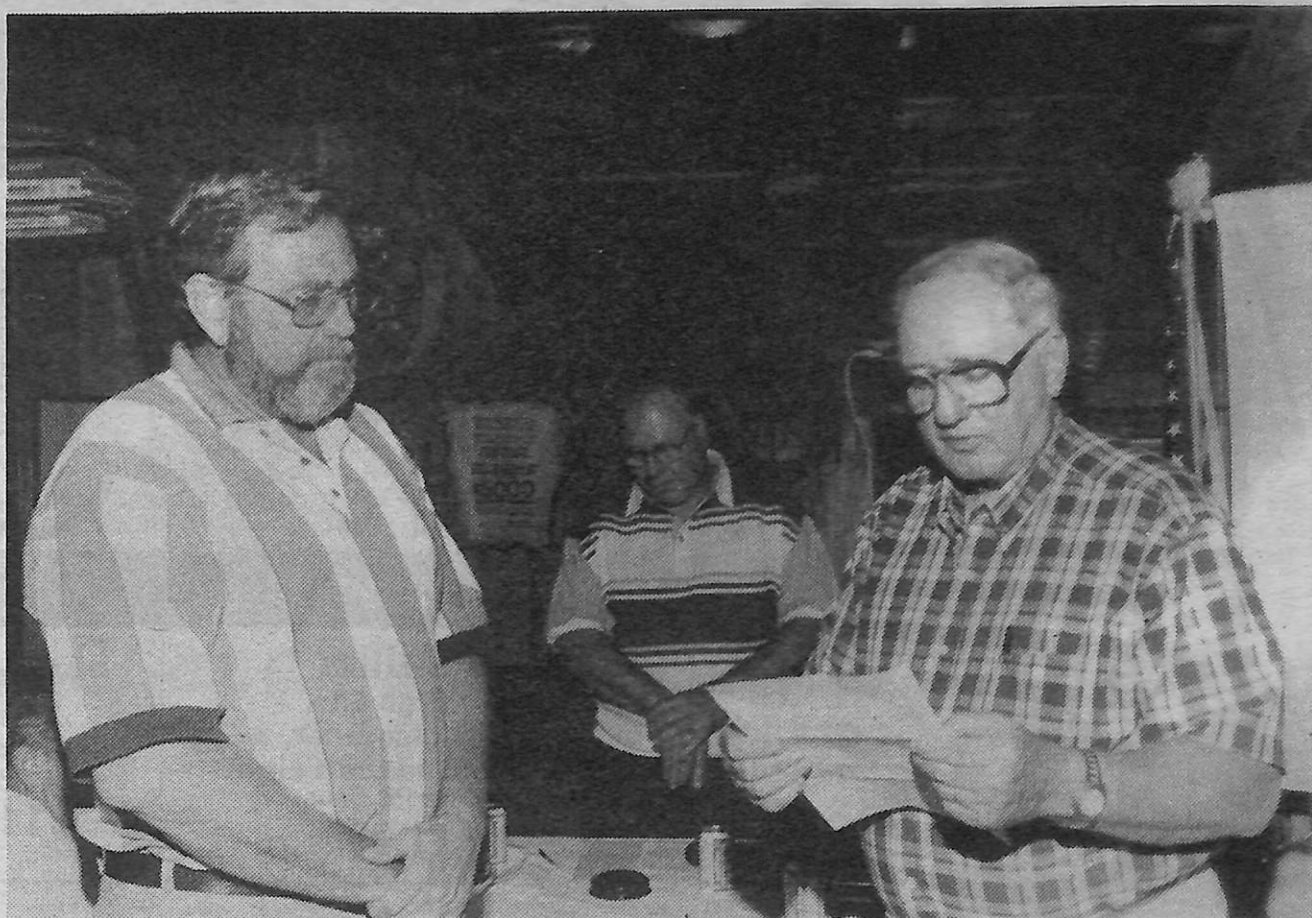
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Varsity Cheerleaders Slate Car Wash

The Agawam varsity cheerleaders will be holding a car wash on Saturday, August 14th from

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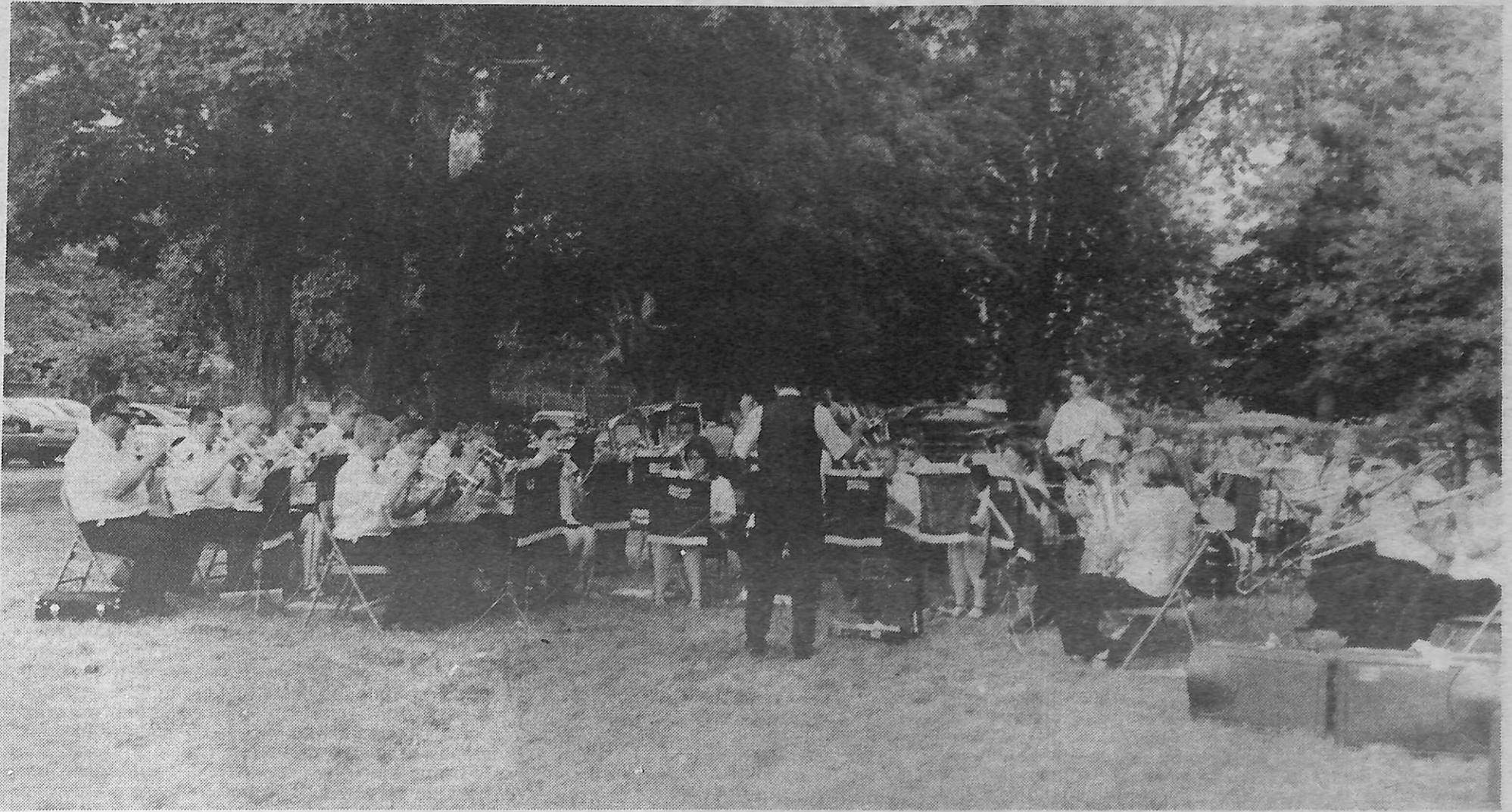
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Young Ambassadors In Agawam...



THE YOUNG AMBASSADORS BRASS BAND OF GREAT BRITAIN brought its outstanding music to the lawn of the Captain Charles Leonard House in Agawam Center on Sunday evening, August 8th. Under the direction of long-time director Frank Wolff (center), this group of musicians, ranging in ages from 18-28, are on a whirlwind two-week tour of parts of Canada, New England, and New York State. The group arrived in West Springfield on Sunday in time for a 4:00 p.m. performance on the Town Green before their performance before about 85 townspeople on Sunday evening at the Leonard House. The group was housed by families in Agawam by hosting coordinators Dave & Billie Ann Carpenter. The band performed in Warren on Monday evening and left their Agawam host families on Tuesday morning, bound for the Lake George region of New York State. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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Conni Lind To Compete In "Golden Girls" Pageant

by Kathy Shepard
Advertiser News Feature Writer

The Ms. Senior Massachusetts Golden Girls Pageant, under the direction of Frank P. Jackson, is slated for Saturday, August 22nd at Central High School in Springfield. Agawam's Conni Lind will be a contestant in this Eighth Annual Golden Girls Pageant.

Planned by the Springfield Jewish Community Center Adult Department and sponsored by BankBoston, the event features women ages 60 and over. Contestants represent Massachusetts communities and will compete before a distinguished panel of six judges who represent a broad spectrum of community and state organizations, media, business, and public life.

Conni Lind marvels that she "did not have the confidence as a teen to enter a pageant." She now has many interests and speaks enthusiastically of her experiences on stage. She grew up in Beverly (MA) and later moved to the Springfield area. She became involved in community theater, performing in neighboring Enfield and acted, sang, and danced. She directed three musicals as well.

Born Singing

Conni's mother said that she was born singing. The name Conni was a variation, in fact, on Connie of the Boswell Singers. Conni's voice is melodious. She did perform with the now-defunct Enfield Stage Company. She has done work with the East Longmeadow Community Theater and the Encore Players, and many years ago, she worked with the David Potter Theater.

Conni's favorite parts were Dolcie Levi in "Hello, Dolly," and Al Donza in "Man of La Mancha," (otherwise known as Dulcinea). She also loved playing Kate in "Kiss Me, Kate," Marge Channing in "Applause," and Abigail Adams in "1776." She says that meeting and singing with Richard Kiley, the actor who originated the role of Don Quixote in "Man of La Mancha," was one of her most exciting experiences.

Conni formerly was a cashier/hostess for Ab-dow Corporation and she loves to travel. She also loves doing charitable work. She was president of the Women's Club of Enfield from 1996-1998 and now sits on its board of directors. She chairs two committees and serves on the state board as chair of literature and performing arts. She is a volunteer and member of the board of directors of Western Massachusetts AIDS Foundation, and has been active in many community theater projects, such as the Theatre Project-Majestic Theatre in West Springfield.

Conni also loves spending time with her family. She has seven children and five grandchildren. Her son, Johnny April, is a bassist for the local rock group "Staind." They have recorded two

albums and are under contract with record company "Elektra."

Contestants in the Senior Golden Girls Pageant will be evaluated on personality and poise throughout the interview, their platform as it pertains to beliefs and commitment to the world community, overall community involvement, evening gown presentation, and talent and stage question. The winner will reign as Ms. Senior Massachusetts 1999-2000, representing senior women across the state. She will receive, among many prizes, a full expense-paid trip to compete nationally. There are many other categories and



CONNIE LIND

awards.

All contestants will receive artistic help from director Frank P. Jackson and other professionals in the field of theater. Tickets are on sale at the Jewish Community Center, 1160 Dickinson Street, Springfield. The cost is \$8 per ticket. For more information, call 739-4715.

Best of luck, Conni!

Marine Norman Gagne Part Of Amphibious Training

Marine Pfc. Norman J. Gagne, son of Kim Ashey of 27 Sheri Lane, Agawam, recently participated in Type Commander Amphibious Training while assigned with 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marines, 2nd Marine Division, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

The seven-day training, aboard the amphibious assault ship *USS Wasp*, was designed to familiarize the Marine unit with shipboard life and to prepare them for amphibious operations they might encounter while deployed on a naval vessel.

The 1998 graduate of Agawam High School joined the Marine Corps in December 1998.

Reception For Former Stanley Home Employees

Any former Stanley Home Products Associates and employees of Stanley Park are being sought and invited to attend a very special reception beginning at 3:30 p.m. Saturday afternoon, August 14th at the Stanley Park Pavilion in Westfield.

"The reception is part of the park's 50th Anniversary Celebration and this will be one pilgrimage former Stanley employees will never forget," said Mark Lavoie, Executive Director of the park.

Pilgrimages are what the Stanley Home Products Sales Meetings were called, Lavoie explained.

For details and VIP Guest Passes, former employees are encouraged to call the park office at (413) 568-9312.

For Agawam/West Side Open Pantry...

E. Cecchi Farms To Host Corn Fest On August 14th & 15th

Everyone knows when the giant ear of corn appears on Springfield Street that it's time for E. Cecchi Farms' annual Corn Fest.

This year's tribute to sweet corn will take place on Saturday and Sunday, August 14th and 15th, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day under the tent at E. Cecchi Farms at 1131 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

The Cecchi family plans to serve over 500 ears of white, yellow, and butter & sugar corn this weekend. Now in its sixth year, the Cecchi Corn Fest has evolved from an event that simply enabled consumers to taste the local corn harvest into a customer appreciation weekend.

Along with fresh-picked and fresh-cooked corn, customers will be able to sample a variety of vegetables, all grown on the family farm. It's not certain who enjoys the Corn Fest more — the customers or the Cecchi family.

Stand manager Robert J. Cecchi, Jr. says, "Customers start asking in May when we're having the Corn Fest — I think some of them even plan their vacations around it. No one wants to miss it. It's a lot of work on our part to prepare and pull off this event, but it's worth it to us to let our customers know how much we appreciate their business throughout the year and over the years."

In addition to corn, the Cecchi family will also be serving grilled vegetables, tomato & basil salad, cantaloupe, watermelon, and other dishes as well. Anna Cecchi, who founded the farm with her late husband, Erminio, has been busy all week preparing this year's featured dish: succotash.

There is no charge for any of the food at Corn Fest '99. However, contributions will be accepted and matched by E. Cecchi Farms in order to benefit the Agawam/West Springfield Open Pantry.

Robert Cecchi, Sr. notes, "We turned over nearly \$800 to the Open Pantry after last year's Corn Fest. It's good to know our customers are so giving and that the donations are going to those who really need it."

When Robert Sr. constructed the giant ear of corn which has become a late-summer landmark on Springfield Street, he probably had no idea that a small corn boil would evolve into such an eagerly anticipated event.

If you love farm-fresh vegetables, stop by this weekend and see why Corn Fest '99 at E. Cecchi Farms in Feeding Hills is the place to be.

Ronald McDonald Coming To Southwick Saturday, Aug. 21st

Southwick: Ronald McDonald is coming to Southwick on Saturday, August 21st at the pavilion of the American Legion Post Home on Powder Mill Road to appear at the steak roast sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 338 for the benefit of the Ronald McDonald House in Springfield.

This will be a "cook your own" steak roast and the tickets are \$15. Children will be served hamburgers, french fries, and soda for a cost of \$5. There will be clowns, face painting, and music. The children's hour is 3:00-4:00 p.m., followed by the meal.

For information or tickets, contact Louise Heaton at 569-2991 or Ann Johnson at 568-4400. Come, join the fun, and meet Ronald.

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Stanley Park To Celebrate Its 50th Anniversary

Everyone is in for a real treat on Saturday, August 14th when Stanley Park, the jewel of Western Massachusetts, will "Celebrate In Style" its 50th anniversary. "All-in-all, this day will be one the likes of which this region has never before seen," Mark Lavoie, Executive Director of the park, revealed.

The fun-filled, exciting day of activities, food, entertainment, and more will kick-off with an 11:00 a.m. "Parade of All Parades" scheduled to leave from the Highland School on Western Avenue and travel down through the main gate of the park. "The public is invited to join in the parade with their funniest, zaniest, most outlandishly-decorated bicycles, strollers, wagons, pets, classic cars, old tractors, or themselves in unique costuming ... or anything else," said Lavoie.

A unique Ribbon of Flowers cutting ceremony at the main gate will follow the parade and Opening Day ceremonies will begin in the main tent in the recreation field. Westfield's own American Legion Band, dignitaries, and others participating in the ceremonies and all guests coming into the park can participate in the Throwing of Pennies into the Rose Garden fountain to make wishes for the next millennium. Over 10,000 pennies are expected to be thrown into the fountain.

The afternoon will begin with A FOOD EXTRAVAGANZA in the Food Court and throughout the park. "The Foster House" will cater sumptuous theme menu offerings delighting everyone's palate. Food highlights will include theme menus featuring the rose, Japanese, and herb gardens, an all-day barbecue, and closing with a family barbecue serenaded by the sounds of the Heritage Pops Orchestra.

All-day continuous entertainment from 1:00 in the afternoon to 11:00 at night. "Everyone can sing, clap, laugh, and dance the day and night away. There will be something for everyone," Lavoie promised.

The exquisitely planted and manicured picturesque park gardens will be staffed with world-renowned garden experts in roses, perennials, wild flowers, herbs, and more. "Guests should bring their questions and cameras," suggested Lavoie.

The park's historic and vintage buildings will be working, staffed, and open to the public. The Hitchcock Center of Amherst will be presenting A DAY OF NATURE & THE WORLD OF ANIMALS, including demonstrations with live animals, lectures, and tours. The Westfield Children's Museum will be featuring a day of activities, as well.

Guests can ride an old-fashioned double-decker bus in and out of the park and FREE, ALL-DAY PARKING will be provided in the park with overflow at Westfield State College. The park is also pleased to provide older or physically challenged guests with transportation, throughout the day, within the park.

The park especially thanks its 50th Anniversary partners, Westfield News Publishing, Hitchcock Center for the Environment in Amherst, Discover Westfield Children's Museum, 22News, WNNZ, The Foster House, Jerome's Taylor Rental Party Plus, Wilderness Experience, and Integrated Marketing Communications.

Watch for specifics on all the 50th Anniversary events, activities, and festivities as they unfold and mark your calendars for Saturday, August 14th. You don't want to miss this very special day at a very special place in Western Massachusetts ... Stanley Park.

Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, August 16th: Escarole soup, meatball grinders, tomato and cuke salad, bananas.

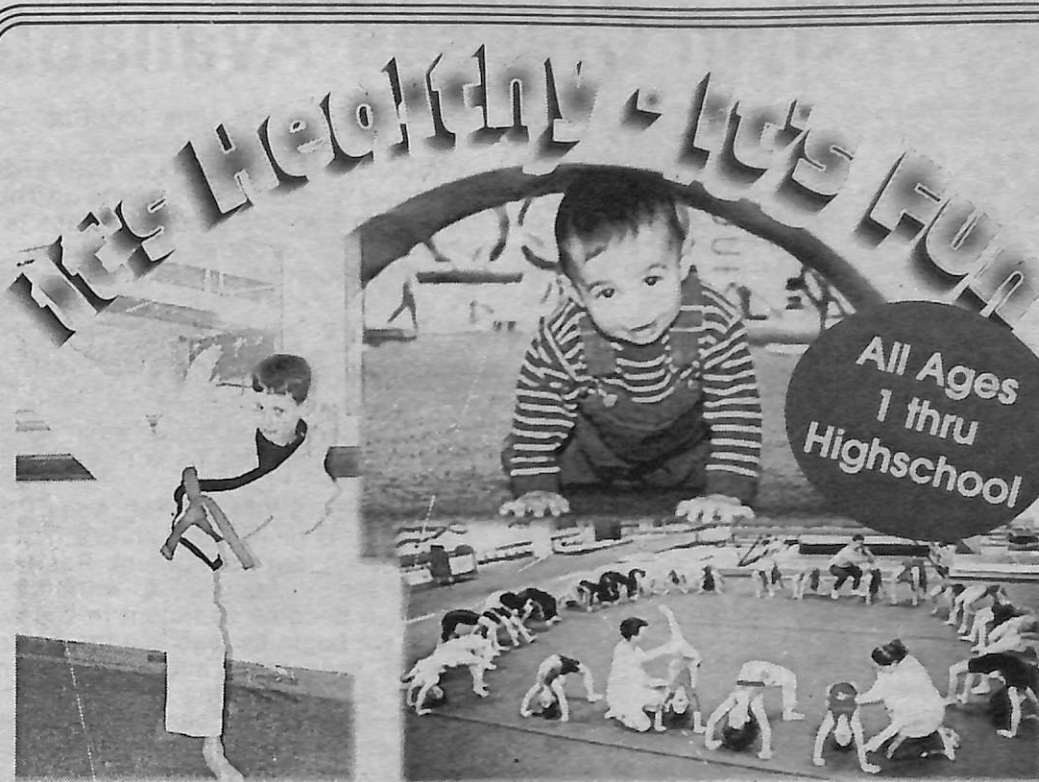
Tuesday, August 17th: Sweet and sour ribs, rice pilaf, mixed vegetables, rye bread, applesauce.

Wednesday, August 18th: Roast turkey, stuffing with gravy, summer squash, cranberry sauce, whole wheat bread, cookie.

Thursday, August 19th: Baked chicken breast, mashed potatoes, broccoli, oat bread, tropical fruit.

Friday, August 20th: Baked fish, baked potato, carrot coins, rye bread, pineapple.

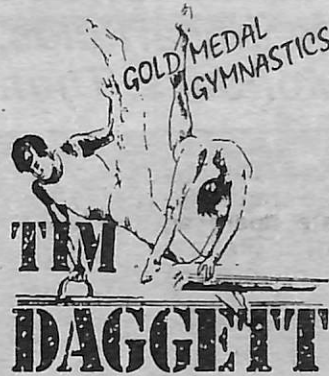
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Fitness First Has Fall Swimming & Gym Classes Available For Children

There will be many swimming and gym classes available for children this fall at Fitness First. All classes meet once per week for eight weeks beginning the week of September 20th.

Member sign-up will be held after 9:00 a.m. on Monday, August 30th at Fitness First. Non-member sign-up will be held after 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 31st at Fitness First. Registration must be done in person. Telephone sign-ups are NOT allowed.

WATER BABIES: Ages 9-15 months. Class meets on Tuesdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m. or on Thursdays from 5:00-5:30 p.m. A playful parenting program specially designed for children and parents to share a special time together in the pool. Parent and child will play, sing, and splash in a secure, caring environment which creates a positive attitude towards water and exercise while encouraging motor skill development. Children who are not potty trained must wear a swim diaper.

LITTLE DIPPERS: Ages 15 months-2½ years. Class meets on Tuesdays from 10:15-11:00 a.m. A playful parenting program specially designed for children and parents to share a special time together in the pool. Parent and child will play, sing, and splash in a secure, caring environment which creates a positive attitude towards water and exercise while encouraging motor skill development. Children who are not potty trained must wear a swim diaper.

MIDGET MANIA: Ages 15 months-2½ years. A program designed for a toddler's unlimited energy and driving independence. This class offers your child abundant opportunities to be successful, while developing cognitive skills, small and large motor skills, and self-assurance. Through interactive play and exercise, toddlers will learn sharing, taking turns, cooperating, and most importantly, respecting others. Children and parents

share this special time together. Class meets once per week for eight weeks.

MIDGET MANIA/LITTLE DIPPERS: Ages 15 months-2½ years. Class meets on Thursday evenings from 5:30-6:15 p.m. This class is geared to a child's first experience in water WITH their parent! A positive, fun water awareness is designed to enhance the child's ability to become confident in the water. In this class, we begin by teaching the basic fundamentals of swimming, such as blowing bubbles, "reach & pull," getting the face wet, splashing, and floating on their backs. Class will alternate each week swimming and gym. Class begins with swimming the first week.

TODDLER SWIM & GYM: Ages 2½-3½ years. This class is geared to a child's first experiences in water without their parent. Positive, fun water awareness is designed to enhance the child's ability to become confident in the water. In this class, we begin by teaching the basic fundamentals of swimming, such as blowing bubbles, "reach & full," getting the face wet, splashing, and floating on their backs. This class also helps young ones become confident with a teacher/student role. A 30- to 40-minute pool session, followed by a 30-minute gym period.

NOVICE SWIM & GYM: Ages 3½-five years. Class meets on Wednesdays from 9:30-11:00 a.m. or Thursdays from 9:30-11:00 a.m. This class teaches the swimmer to get into water alone, blow bubbles, bob 10 times in chest-deep water, float, kick (with support, if necessary), and move arms for front crawl. The swimming portion is followed by a 30-minute gym period in Studio II that focuses on our new obstacle course, trampoline, and slides.

NOTE: THE CLASSES LISTED BELOW REQUIRE CHILDREN TO TAKE A "SKILLS TEST" PRIOR TO ENROLLING IN THE CLASS. SKILLS

TESTS WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 26th AT FITNESS FIRST'S POOL BETWEEN 5:00-6:00 P.M.

BEGINNER SWIM & GYM: Ages vary depending upon level of skill. Class meets Mondays from 12:15-1:45 p.m. This program teaches the swimmer to hold his/her breath and swim under water, float, perform the back crawl and front crawl, jump into the pool, and turn over from front to back and back to front. The swimming portion is followed by a 30-minute gym period that focuses on the obstacle course, trampoline, and slides.

BEGINNER SWIM: Ages vary depending upon level of skill. Class meets Wednesdays from 4:15-5:00 p.m., Thursdays from 4:15-5:00 p.m., or Saturdays from 9:15-10:15 a.m. This program teaches the swimmer to hold his/her breath and swim under water, float, perform the back crawl and front crawl, jump into the pool, and turn over from front to back and back to front.

ADVANCED BEGINNER: Ages vary depending upon level of skill. Class meets Thursdays from 6:15-7:00 p.m. or Saturdays from 10:30-11:15 a.m. This class teaches the swimmer to bob 15 times in deep water, tread water for two minutes, perform rotary breathing, swim 1½ lengths of the pool, reverse direction at wall, scull, glide with push-off, breaststroke, and scissors kick. Introduces the student to the front crawl, backstroke, sidestroke, and breaststroke.

INTERMEDIATE: Ages vary depending upon level of skill. Class meets Wednesdays from 5:15-6:00 p.m. This class will teach the swimmer alternate breathing, stride jump, breaststroke, sidestroke, butterfly kick, extensions of the front and back crawl, and open front and back turns.

For more information, please call Fitness First at 786-1460 or visit our website at www.fitnessfirst.net!

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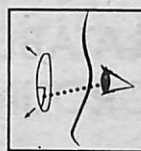
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Wilbraham Peach Festival Set For August 20th-22nd

The 15th annual Wilbraham Peach Festival will be held Friday, August 20th, Saturday, August 21st, and Sunday, August 22nd at Fountain Park, Tinkham Road, Wilbraham.

This year's festival promises to be a weekend of fun for the entire family. Among the fine acts performing on the main stage are Radio Knights, Friday night; the Crescents, Saturday night; and barber shop quartet, Reminisce, Sunday afternoon.

The wide variety of entertainment on the children's stage includes magician Ed Popielarczyk, and storyteller Tom McCabe on Saturday, and a hands-on nature presentation by Capen Hill Nature Sanctuary of Charlton, MA, Sunday afternoon.

The Classic Car Cruise rolls again Friday evening. Our hometown parade steps off from Minnechaug High School at 10:00 Saturday morning. Dazzling fireworks provide a sparkling finale Saturday evening. We will have a sweet start on Sunday with a pancake breakfast at the grounds from 8:00 to 10:30, as the runners in a Five Mile Road Race returns to the Festival grounds. New this year is a fascinating antique engine and tractor show from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. As always, festival-goers can expect a great craft fair, informative "Business Showcase," super kids' games, the Li'l Peach Pit, delicious food, and plenty of peaches.

There is no admission fee for the Festival. Parking fee is \$2 per car. All Festival proceeds fund local projects and scholarships for area students. For more information, call the Peach office at 599-0010 or visit us on the web at www.peachfestival.org.

Clambake & BBQ For The Theatre Proj.

A Clambake & BBQ Fundraising Party to benefit the Theater Project will be held on Saturday, August 21st at The Elks Pavilion on Morgan Road in West Springfield.

A choice of dinners will be available, including lobsters and steamed clams (\$31), surf & turf (\$28), and chicken BBQ (\$18), all served with corn on the cob, garden salad, and rolls. Kids' meals are also available for \$6. Admission to the event without dinner will be \$15.

Entertainment will be provided by several "alumni" of various Theater Project productions, including the Majestics and Splendid Blend (comprised of several cast members of *Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story*), as well as Ray Guilmotte, Jr., and his fellows performers from *Leader of the Pack*.

The event will be held rain or shine from 3:00-9:00 p.m. and will also feature games, free door prizes, and a full bar. Tickets can be ordered by obtaining an order form at the Majestic Theater at 131 Elm Street in West Springfield, or by calling the Theater Project box office at (413) 747-7797.

A retirement party for The AAN's photographer, Jack Devine, will be held at Chez Josef on Sunday, September 12th. For tickets and further information, see the ad on Page 28...

"Happy Birthday To You!!!"



APPROXIMATELY 50 FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS recently attended a birthday celebration for Frank Chriscola, Jr. (who turned 93), Amelia Moran (who turned 90), and John Chriscola, Sr. (who turned 85). The celebration was attended by four generations of the Chriscola family. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Danielle M. LaBarre Becomes Bride Of Justan E. Baker

Danielle Marie LaBarre of Agawam, the daughter of Paul & Adrienne LaBarre of Feeding Hills, became the bride of Justan Edward Baker, also of Agawam, on Saturday, July 24, 1999.

The bridegroom is the son of Harvey & Kathy Baker of Groton, New York.

The ceremony took place at Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills and was officiated by Reverend Ron Sadlowski.

Serving the bride as maid of honor was Gina Cincotta. John Bishop was best man.

The bride is a 1996 graduate of Agawam High School. She is presently employed full-time as a production assistant at Bassette Printers in Springfield.

The bridegroom is a 1995 graduate of Groton Central High School. He is presently employed full-time at Witch Enterprises of New England in Agawam.

After a reception held at the Oaks in Agawam, the couple honeymooned in Sunset Beach, North Carolina.

Applications Available For November Craft Fair At Polish Club

Applications are now being accepted for the 17th Annual Craft Fair on November 16th at the Polish American Club of Agawam, 139 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary.

For an application or more information, call Helen at (413) 786-6058 or Carmella at (413) 786-0845.



KATELYN HOPE CRONIN

The Cronin Family Announces Birth Of Daughter, Katelyn

Tom and Gina (Ferraro) Cronin are pleased to announce the birth of their second daughter, Katelyn Hope Cronin.

She was born at Baystate Medical Center on Wednesday, June 2, 1999 at 7:32 p.m. She weighed seven pounds, 7.5 ounces, and was 20 inches long.

Waiting to welcome her home was her four year-old sister, Carly Taylor.

Agawam UNICO Plans 37th Annual Chicken Bar-B-Que

The Agawam Chapter of UNICO National will be holding its 37th annual Chicken Bar-B-Que on Sunday, August 22nd, once again at the Polish American Club in Feeding Hills.

The Bar-B-Que will be held from 11:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. in the pavilion of the Polish Club. The cost for this year's meal is \$7.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children 12 and under.

As in past years, there will be chicken, french fries, salad, corn, fruit drink, coffee, and watermelon.

All proceeds from the Bar-B-Que will be used to benefit Agawam UNICO and its many charitable activities. Agawam UNICO is well-known for its commitment to the community and the residents of Agawam.

Agawam UNICO continually provides scholarships as well as helping Agawam's mentally and physically challenged citizens. The organization is also known for its contributions to the many student and civic activities throughout the community.

Anyone wishing to purchase tickets can obtain them from any UNICO member or at the door. This year's Bar-B-Que is being co-chaired by Frank M. Morassi and Ron Lalancette.

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UV-C: the strongest, but never reaches the earth's surface because it is filtered out by the atmosphere.

Fortunately, there are **simple precautions** you can take so you can still enjoy the outside world:

1) **Spend less time in the sun**, especially at peak times (11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.)

2) **Cover-up** your delicate skin and hair with clothing and hats or bandanas.

3) **Wear UV rated sunglasses and a brim hat**, to protect your eyes.

4) **Wear sunscreen** on unprotected skin, using a SPF of 15 or more, which should block UV-A and UV-B rays, applying every two hours and after swimming or exercising.

5) **Check with your doctor** if you are on any medication, some antibiotic (like tetracycline), can increase your UV-radiation sensitivity.

Like your skin, hair should be protected, too! Even if you have hair that hasn't been treated (virgin hair), protecting it from harmful UV-rays of the sun is very important.

Like your skin, hair can be put into categories, but every person has their own hair and skin identity. Healthy, shiny hair is not an accident. It is a combination of proper products and dedicated maintenance. Men and women alike should have all the same concerns and if you have a very short haircut, don't forget to protect the delicate scalp when outdoors.

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IN LEFT PHOTO: New Eagle Scout Eric Hogan with Ray Laborde, his Scoutmaster. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Eric with his mother, Debbie; his brother, Mike, who earned his Eagle Badge in 1997; and his father, Cliff.

Eagle Banquet Held At Springfield Turnverein For Scout Eric Hogan

On Saturday, June 26th at the Springfield Turnverein in Agawam, an Eagle Banquet was held for Eric Hogan, who joined his brother, Mike, in the ranks of Eagle Scout.

Becoming an Eagle Scout takes several years of hard work and dedication to scouting. A scout must advance through the ranks by performing various survival skills, help with service projects, hold a leadership post within the troop, earn 21 merit badges, and lead his troop in a service project of his own design that is approved by the Boy Scout Council. Less than 2½ percent nationally become Eagle Scouts.

Eric led his troop to the Holyoke Soldiers'

Home, where the scouts helped the maintenance department paint a ward and an operating room. They also helped bring patience to and from the recreation hall and assisted in a birthday party for a World War I veteran who turned 102.

Mike earned his Eagle Badge in 1997 by collecting clothing, food certificates, and cash donations and delivering them to the homeless shelter. While at the shelter, the scouts helped serve a meal.

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Boy Scout Troop 78 is chartered through the Springfield Turnverein. Since its beginning, 11 scouts have earned the rank of Eagle. Mike and Eric are the first pair of brothers in the troop to become Eagle Scouts.

Eric began his scouting in Cub Scout Pack 85 and has been with Troop 78 since 1994. He will begin his junior year next month at Agawam High School where he is a member of the wrestling team. He works as a games operator at Riverside Park.

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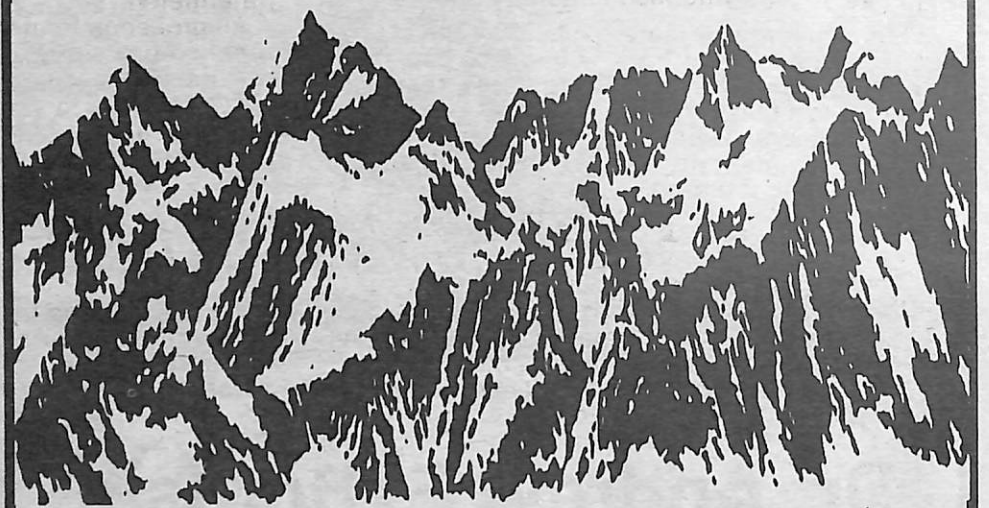
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of Heaven and Earth."

- Psalm 121:1-2

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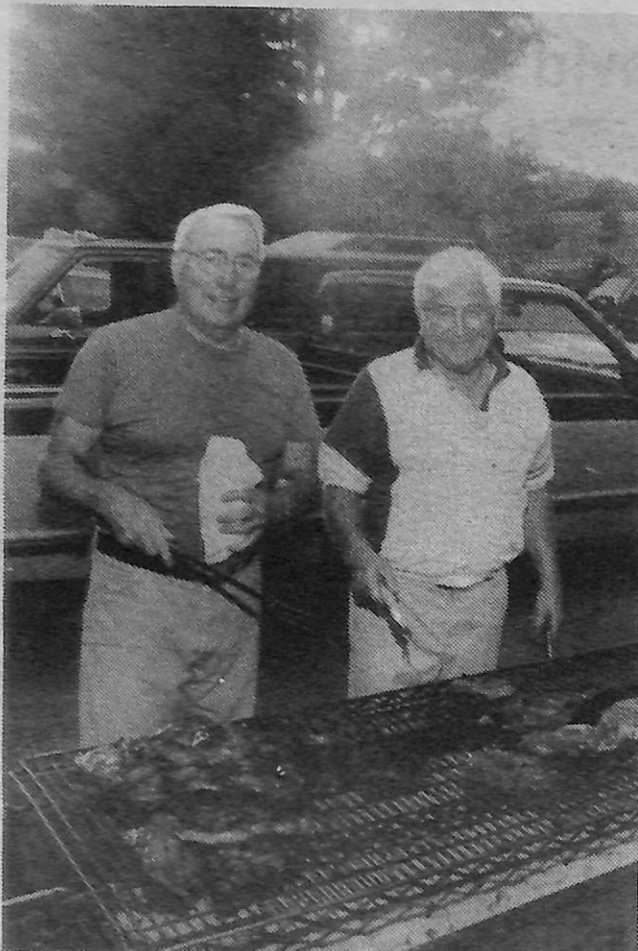
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ED DISCO AND CHARLES CALABRESE manned the grill during UNICO's annual summer cook-out, which was recently held at Charles' home. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

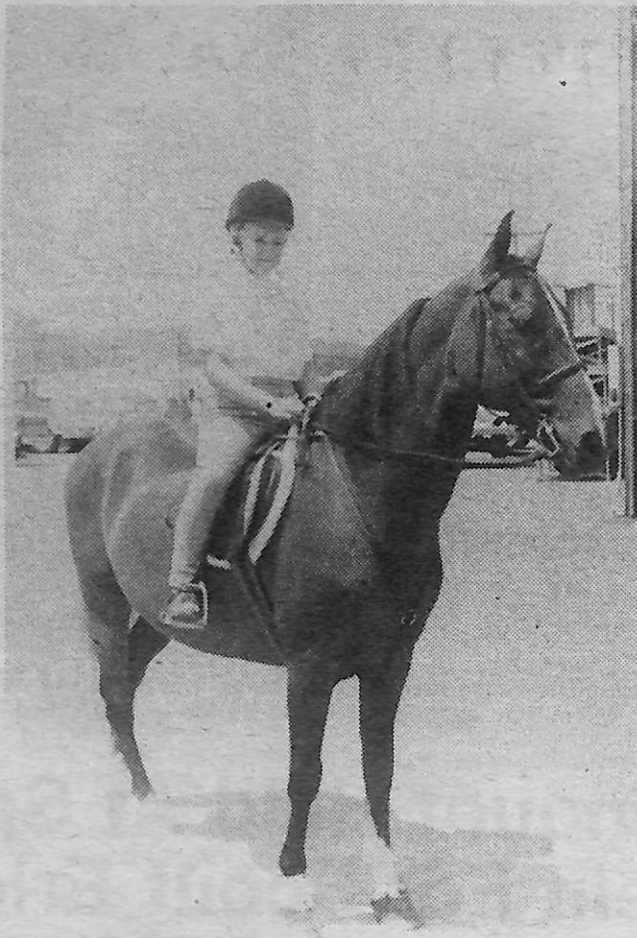
Annual Oktoberfest Slated For August 21st At Spfld. Turnverein

The Springfield Turnverein of Agawam will hold its annual Oktoberfest at the club grounds on Saturday, August 21st, from noon to midnight. The club is located at 167 Garden Street, Agawam, across from the Garden Street exit off of Route 57.

Entertainment will feature music by the Melha Temple German Band from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m., and the band Orange Crush will continue the beat from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

Folk dancers, German novelties and linens, clowns, balloons, and face-painting for the kids are also on the program.

A 4-H Rider...



JULIE PARISEN OF FEEDING HILLS participated in the horse show during the Hampden County 4-H/Youth Fair on Saturday, July 31st, in West Springfield. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Commerce's Class Of '49 To Hold 50th Reunion This October

The High School of Commerce Class of 1949 is seeking former classmates interested in attending the 50th class reunion on October 9, 1999 at Storowton Carriage House in West Springfield.

Please send your name and address and names of any other classmates you are still in contact with to Elsie Ceravolo Cady, 281 Lexington Street, Springfield, MA 01104, (413) 732-8424 or Marjorie Masucci DeDeurwaerder, 31 Overlea Drive, Springfield, MA 01119, (413) 782-2588.

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Steve And Sisie Cimma To Celebrate 25th Anniversary

Steve and Sisie Cimma are about to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary.

They were married in Mississippi on August 17, 1974, and have been living in Agawam since 1974. Steve is an Agawam native and a member of Agawam High School's class of 1971.

Sisie is from Biloxi, Mississippi. They have two children: Maryann, 24, and Terri, 18.

Steve's parents are Elso and Mary Cimma of Agawam.

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Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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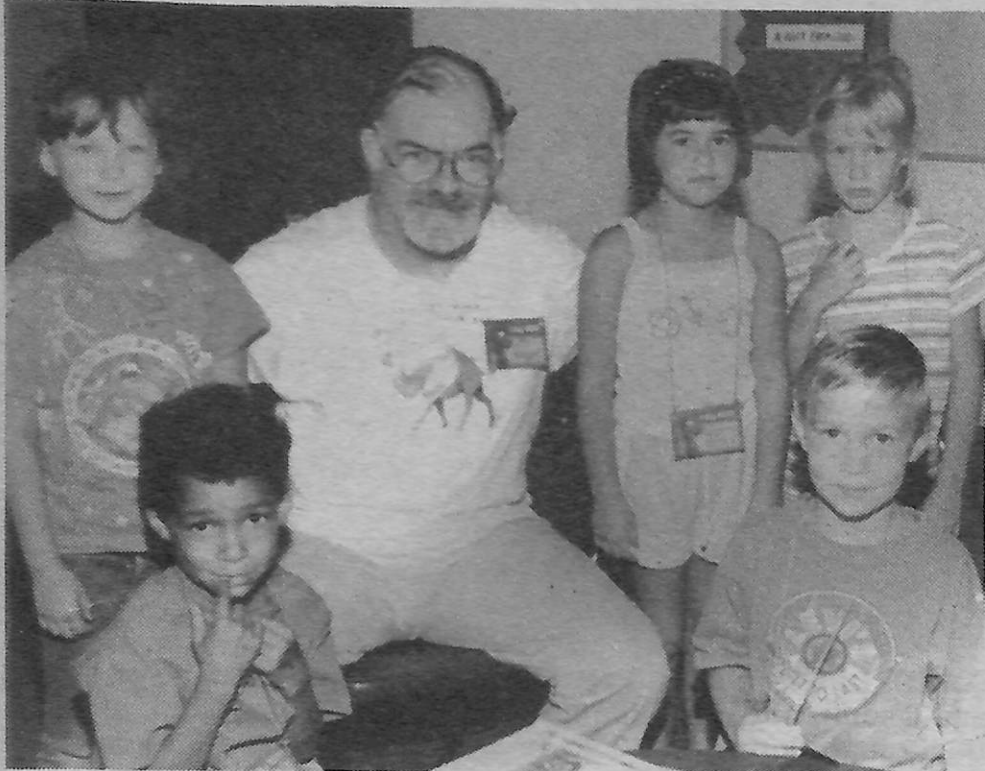
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Church News

"Summer Bible School" At St. David's...



ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, located at 699 Springfield Street in Feeding Hills, conducted its "Summer Bible School" this week, beginning Monday, August 9th. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Free Car Wash Slated At Grace Baptist Church

On Saturday, August 15th from 1:00-4:00 p.m., the Grace Baptist Church Youth Group will be sponsoring a free car wash at the church, which is located at 475 Pine Street, Feeding Hills.

All are invited to come have their cars washed by the teens and share some light refreshments, hot dogs, and hamburgers while their cars are being washed.

The Youth Group is directed by Mr. & Mrs. Craig Benson, and has planned this car wash as a way of meeting new people from the community.

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2 Corinthians 5:1-11

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—2 Corinthians 5:7

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Sometimes we feel that way about our circumstances. Perhaps a serious health problem has caused us to question the power and the presence of God.

It's encouraging to note that Paul's familiar words "We walk by faith, not by sight" (2 Cor. 5:7) occur in his discussion about being "absent from the body and . . . present with the Lord" (v.8). He used a powerful metaphor, calling our body an earthly house that's being destroyed, yet he said we have a heavenly building made by God. He spoke of groaning in our earthly frailty and longing for our heavenly home. He concluded that no matter what circumstances we face, we should make it our goal to please the Lord (v.9).

Our walk of faith can be challenging and sometimes scary. But because God is powerful and present, we can step out in confidence today. —DCM

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Church News - continued...**First Baptist Church To Attend "Great Adventure"**

The First Baptist Church of Agawam (ABC) will be sending 24 members and friends off on "The Great Adventure," their 1999 Mission Trip, on Saturday, August 21st.

The group of 12 junior high youth, 10 adults, and two "mascots" (pre-school age children of leaders) will be heading first to Rochester, New York. While in Rochester, they will be working with Cameron Community Ministries, an inner-city interdenominational program.

Some of the services the Agawam group will be providing will be to help prepare and serve lunch to 50-60 kids in their Kids' Cafe and to help prepare and serve over 100 dinners to members of the community. They will also be sorting clothes and food that have been donated to CCM's clothing and food banks and doing various maintenance tasks. In addition, the group will be sharing God's love through music, speaking, and drama.

Following their experience in Rochester, the group will be going to Darien Lake, New York to expand their faith experience as they participate in the Kingdom Bound Festival. The festival features many well-known contemporary Christian singers, groups, and speakers as well as the opportunity to share with several thousand other Christian youth and adults.

The theme of "The Great Adventure" was taken from a quote by contemporary Christian singer/songwriter Steven Curtis Chapman. "The dark sky surrenders its space to the light of a new day. There's a freshness and a freedom in the air that can only be fully appreciated by one who has worn the chains of a prisoner."

"The journey of life begins for another day with God's grace stretching out as far as the eye can see and beyond ... far beyond. Only the Author of this life knows completely what lies ahead ... the mountaintops of joy to be experienced as well as the valleys of sorrow to be endured."

"To Him there are no surprises but He takes pleasure in filling our lives with them, and all the while His consuming love for those He created keeps Him never more than a heartbeat away. This is the miracle of grace in motion given freely to those who will receive it by faith... This is a life like no other ... this is the GREAT ADVENTURE."

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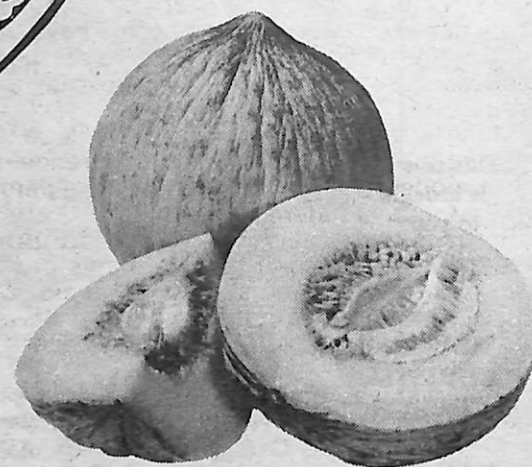


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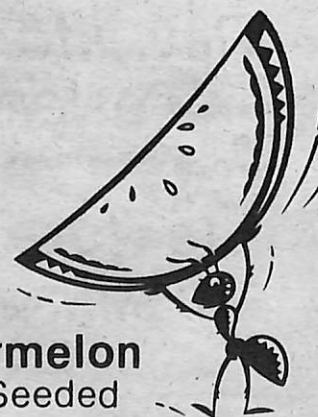
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Reflections...

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We Don't Always Understand Everything...

Of all the passages of Scripture which are hard to accept, perhaps chief among them is the time when Jesus seemed to refer to a Gentile woman as a dog. This is a tough story; in this encounter, Jesus appears to be cruel, and perhaps even racist.

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." So far, this sounds just like a situation for Jesus to shine.

But He did not answer her at all. And His disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before Him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table."

As stated previously, it would appear that Jesus was being terribly cruel to this poor Canaanite woman. It must have been hard enough for her to approach Jesus in the first place, as there was a great amount of animosity between the Jews and the Gentiles at that time. This poor woman must have been terrified and under great pressure, given that her daughter was being tormented by demons. How much more, would it therefore appear, that Jesus was being cruel?

In this situation, we must ask ourselves, what, if anything, are we missing or misunderstanding? It does appear that Jesus was being cruel, even horribly cruel, in this instance. And yet, cruelty is one of the many opposite character traits of Jesus. Not even His enemies, in His day or our own, have ever accused Him of being cruel. Jesus' reputation as a kind and gentle individual remains intact.

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So what's going on here? Was Jesus just having a really bad day? Did this unfortunate Gentile catch Jesus at a bad moment? In situations like this, it is sometimes helpful to look at the original language to see if it yields any insights.

The particular word employed by Jesus actually means "puppy dogs," in contrast to another word for dog which has derogatory connotations. Also, this story is the only time that particular word appears in the Bible, which suggests it wasn't a common phrase which Jesus borrowed. Other than that, the language search is not very helpful.

There have been various explanations offered which attempt to explain, or rather to justify, Jesus' comments to this woman. Most of them seem contrived. For example, some have focused on the "puppy dog" angle and have suggested Jesus was actually expressing affection or compassion.

Most likely, the woman didn't think so. Others have pointed to the woman's persistence, saying it is a model for us to follow by praying persistently. That, too, is hard to swallow.

Perhaps the best thing we can do is humbly acknowledge we don't, and probably can't, fully understand why Jesus said what He did. We can, however, state with confidence that Jesus was not being cruel, because Jesus was never cruel to anybody, ever.

Whatever was going on in that story which has been lost to our generation, we know the story ended well for the Canaanite woman. After the woman answered Jesus, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs from their master's table"; Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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**Rev. Monahan's
"Reflections"
is a regular
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News & Notes From F.H. Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. Our Sunday morning service of worship begins at 9:30 a.m.

The lectionary readings for the 12th Sunday after Pentecost will be Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133 (or Isaiah 56:1, 1-6; Psalm 67); Romans 1:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:(10-20), 21-28.

Rev. Donaldson's sermon is entitled "Seeing God in Good Times and in Bad."

Children are invited to attend worship with adults. Nursery care will be provided for the very young.

The Board of Christian Education has plans in the works for a trip to Plimoth Plantation on Saturday, September 11th. A visit to the replica of the Mayflower will be included.

Next month's church newsletter will have more complete details. Save the date!

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Vacation Bible School has been postponed until a later date.

Elaine will be away from the church office during the week of August 16th through August 20th. Rev. Donaldson will be away the following two weeks, August 22nd through September 4th.

The deadline for submissions to the September issue of *The Informer* is Thursday, August 19th.

On the calendar:

Saturday, August 14th: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Creative Memories.

Sunday, August 15th: 9:30 a.m., Worship; 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m., Church of Redemption.

Tuesday, August 17th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:00 p.m., CE.

Thursday, August 19th: Newsletter deadline; 7:00 p.m., A.A.

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Weekly Calendar From Agawam Congregational

This Sunday, August 15th, is the 12th Sunday after Pentecost. The Summer Worship Service will begin at 9:30 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

Deacon Steven Paul will give a Devotional titled "The Woman Who Wouldn't Give Up," taken from Matthew 15:21-28. His Children's Message will be "Family!"

Special music will be provided by Choir Member Sue Romano, accompanied by Ellen Cogen, Minister of Music.

Summer Church School continues and will be held immediately following the Children's Message. Mr. Neal Ellsworth will be the teacher for this Sunday.

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Men's Prayer Time is held weekly on Tuesdays at 7:45 a.m. This half-hour includes a devotional reading, prayer, and a time of refreshments and fellowships.

All are welcome to this very special time. For more information, contact Rev. Fuller at 786-7111.

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There will be a reception for Rev. Curt Fuller in Bryan Hall immediately following the Worship Service on Sunday, August 22nd.

Join us as we bid farewell to Rev. Fuller and his family. Rev. Fuller has accepted a call to University City United Church in San Diego, CA.

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There will be a Christian Education and Youth "Kick off Dinner/Dance" for the upcoming Church School year. The dinner will be held on Sunday, August 29th, at 5:00 p.m. in Bryan Hall. The dance will be held immediately following the dinner.

This is open to all church members, especially those with children in Church School and Youth Groups.

This is a free pasta dinner with beverages provided. It is also a Pot Luck salad and dessert dinner, with A-L bringing salad and M-Z bringing dessert.

Please sign up at the Coffee Hour following services or call the church office.

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For more information concerning any of our events, please call the church office at 786-7111.

St. John's Parish News And Notes

PARISH PICNIC

This year's Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 29th, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at St. John's Field on Leonard Street.

Come join the fun. There will be hamburgs, hot dogs, soda, and ice cream at discount rates. There is no admission charge for the picnic.

Activities will include games, prizes, a "Dunking Booth," face painting, and more. This event promises to have something for everyone, so plan on bringing the family.

1999-2000 SCHOOL YEAR REGISTRATION

Registration should HAVE BEEN completed by August 1st for new and returning students. Last's year students have received the paperwork via mail.

Parents of new students should call the Rectory for forms. After August 15th, the registration fee will be \$15.

JUBILEE CONFIRMATION

We are starting to expand our plans for the millennium. A series of "Day Trips" is being considered.

The committee is looking for someone to coordinate ONLY ONE of these trips. Want to help? Please call Bert Bertolino at 786-1449.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will be coming up again in October. This Sacrament is the final part of full initiation into the community.

Sometimes circumstances prevent some people from receiving this Sacrament at the usual time in their religious education. So, if there are any adults who have not as yet been Confirmed, call the Rectory at 786-8105 to register for a series of six sessions to prepare candidates starting August 23rd.

SUNDAY TO SUNDAY

We are continuing our Scripture Video program twice weekly: Monday nights at 7:00 p.m. and Friday mornings at 9:10 a.m. Come join us, it doesn't hurt!

There is a brief background for next Sunday's Gospel with some points of Biblical information. Quite good!

"Take Us Out To The Ballgame..."



ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 1ST, 50 members of Agawam Congregational Church took a bus trip to Norwich, Connecticut, to see a baseball game between the Norwich Navigators and the Portland Sea Dogs. What's more, 28 visitors from England (sponsored by Operation Friendship) took advantage of this fun day-trip. The bus was donated for this event by King Ward Coach Lines. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Applications Being Accepted For Annual Sacred Heart Tag Sale

Applications are now being accepted for the Annual Tag and Craft Sale at Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills.

It will be held in the church parking lot on Saturday, Sept. 11th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Rain

date is Saturday, September 18th.

Both tag and craft items will be sold, but each will have a separate section in the parking lot.

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Do The Elderly Need Protection?

The Court held where an elderly, infirm woman conveyed a one-half interest in her home to her defendant daughter, the conveyance was the result of undue influence and must, therefore, be rescinded.

The Court further ordered that the defendant and her co-defendant husband return funds and insurance policies wrongfully converted by them. Finally, the Defendants were ordered to pay \$50,000 in emotional distress damages.

The elderly woman was dependent on the Defendants for her personal and financial care. She had multiple medical problems and required assistance with all her daily living activities, including eating, toileting, bathing, dressing, taking her medications, and handling her financial affairs.

Knowing this, the Defendants invited the elderly woman into their home, promised to care for all her needs, and told her not to worry about anything. The woman trusted the Defendants to act in her best interest. At the time, she was 81 years old, suffered from a variety of health ailments, and was lonely and depressed, having been cut off from the outside world.

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The Defendants arranged for an attorney whom they knew both professionally and personally to draft a deed for the woman's signature. The attorney did know the woman and had never spoken to her prior to her signing the deed. The woman did not know that she was signing a deed, did not know that she was transferring a one-half interest in her house to her daughter, did not intend to

transfer one-half interest in her house to her daughter, did not sign the deed as an act of her own free will, and had no reason to assume that the Defendants were acting in a manner inconsistent with her welfare. By taking advantage of their relationship with the woman, the Defendants unduly influenced and persuaded her to transfer one-half interest in her house.

The Plaintiff's contention was that the Defendants wrongfully converted money from several of the woman's bank accounts and wrongfully converted money from checks made payable to her by her prescription reimbursement provider.

The Defendants' contention was that they had a power of attorney giving them power of the Plaintiff's affairs is totally groundless per the Court. The Court found that the daughter acted without the woman's authorization or consent and that the daughter had no authority to change her mother's bank accounts to joint accounts; no authority to draw checks on her mother's accounts; and no authority to collect funds from her mother's accounts. The Court found the Defendants liable for converting the woman's various funds.

The Court also found that the Plaintiff proved the Defendants intentionally inflicted emotional distress on the elderly woman. The Defendants' conduct in removing the woman from her home of 56 years upon false representations that they would care for her and that she would not have to go to a nursing home, was designed to cause her distress.

The daughter's acrimony towards her mother had not abated and the Defendants' only motivation for taking the woman into their home was to gain access to her property and funds. The conversion of the woman's funds and property and cashing in on her life insurance policies all took place within weeks of the woman moving into their home.

The Court had no doubt all this caused great emotional upset and physical distress on the woman's health. The Court called the daughter's actions of attempting to defraud and abuse her elderly mother an extreme and outrageous act and awarded \$50,000 in emotional distress damages.

Travel Talk...



by Lori Keeley, CTC
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What's New With Disney

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For more info on Disney's new Fall Fantasy rates, call 732-1313 or e-mail us at trvconn@javanet.com.

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Timely Tips On How To Manage Your Finances

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What's All This Talk About The "Dow"?

Step onto the subway or enter the local coffee shop and there is a common thread in the conversation these days. "What did the market do today?" is a question now asked nearly as often as, "How's the weather?" But what does it really mean when you hear that the Dow is up or down 100 points?

Stock indexes and averages — not to be confused with markets and exchanges.

Stocks are traded on exchanges like the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE), the American Stock Exchange (AMEX), and the Nasdaq (National Association of Securities Dealers Automatic Quotation System). The most important factor that determines where a publicly traded company's stock is bought and sold is the size of the firm. For example, the largest and best known companies are traded on the "Big Board" or the New York Stock Exchange.

When you turn on the news each evening and hear reports about the stock market, they reflect the movement of indexes and averages — like the Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA). These reports give you a sense of the direction stocks traded on the various exchanges during the day. Following are some of the most common benchmark indexes for individual securities.

Dow Jones Industrial Average. The DJIA tracks the movement of 30 of the largest blue chips traded on the NYSE. The component stocks are recognizable companies like Coca-Cola, Exxon, General Motors, McDonald's, and Walt Disney. Since the Dow is a price-weighted index, it is more affected by the movement of higher-priced shares than by those less expensive.

Dow Jones and Co., which maintains the average, also tracks utilities in the Dow Jones Utilities Average and transportation stocks in the Dow Jones Transportation Average. The combination of the industrial, utilities, and transportation averages is called the Dow Jones Composite Average.

Standard & Poor's (S&P) 500 Index. The S&P 500 Index is the benchmark used by most large U.S. stock portfolio managers to compare their own performance. It is composed of 500 blue chip stocks separated by industry. Four-hundred industrial companies, 60 transportation stocks, and 40 financial firms are included. Since key industries are represented in the index, some investors have found that the S&P 500 gives them the most accurate yardstick for measuring the performance of their own stock portfolios.

AMEX Composite Index. Medium- and small-sized stocks traded on the American Stock Exchange are tracked by this index. It is weighted by the market capitalization of its component stocks — meaning stocks with a larger number of shares outstanding and with higher prices affect the index more than lower-priced shares of smaller companies.

Nasdaq Composite Index. The movement of all companies traded on the Nasdaq are tracked by this index. Because the stocks traded on the Nasdaq tend to be smaller than the blue chips tracked by the DJIA, the Nasdaq Composite Index usually tracks issues of relatively volatile companies. Since it is market-value weighted, the index gives more influence to larger and higher-priced component stocks.

NYSE Composite Index. If you've ever heard news broadcasters say, "The average share gained 30 cents on the New York Stock Exchange today," they were referring to the NYSE Composite Index. The measure is market-value weighted and expressed in dollars and cents and represents all stocks traded on the NYSE.

Wilshire 5000 Equity Index. The Wilshire 5000 is the broadest measure of all indexes since it includes all major NYSE, AMEX, and Nasdaq stocks. Because of its breadth, the Wilshire 5000 gives a good indication of the performance of all stocks, large and small.

Keeping it all in perspective. The important thing for market watchers to remember is that indexes are only benchmarks. While their fluctuations can be unnerving, index movements don't necessarily reflect the performance of your own portfolio holdings.

Also, keep in mind that what used to mean significant gains or losses on the major indexes now represents modest blips on the chart. For example, in past years when the DJIA was at much lower levels, a 100-point daily gain or loss meant a

News & Notes From Agawam Chamber Of Commerce

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

The Agawam Chamber of Commerce welcomed three new business members in August.

Action Air Inc., located in Feeding Hills, is a heating, venting, and A/C installation and service operation.

Party Life Gifts in Agawam offers retail specialty gifts and products.

Affordable Duct Cleaning in Agawam offers heating, venting and air conditioning sales, service, and repair.

These new business members, along with others that joined this summer, will be recognized at the Chamber's fall breakfast on September 15th at the Agawam Country Club.

CHAMBER GOLF SOCIAL READY TO TEE OFF

All Agawam businessmen and women, members, and non-members are invited to join the Agawam Chamber of Commerce for its Second Annual Nine-Hole Golf Social on Thursday, September 23rd, at Agawam Country Club.

The Chamber is hosting a fall afternoon of golf to offer local businesspeople an opportunity to meet for a golf outing without having to take an entire day off from work.

Afternoon tee times will be set up, allowing for foursomes to complete a nine-hole scramble and then gather for a light buffet and networking in the clubhouse.

Space is limited to 60 golfers. For more information or an application to play, call the Agawam Chamber.

AGAWAM NATIVE TO SPEAK AT BREAKFAST

Agawam native John DiPietro, managing general partner at ABC/D (a public relations and marketing strategy company in Holden, Massachusetts), will be the featured guest speaker at the Chamber's fall breakfast on September 15th.

DiPietro will speak on "Teamwork 2000." A noted public speaker, DiPietro brings humor and insight to such topics as taking the fear out of public speaking, teamwork, and embracing change.

"Teamwork 2000" will energize, inspire, and have you laughing all the way back to the workplace.

To reserve tickets for the breakfast or for more information about the value and benefits of membership in the Agawam Chamber, please call Celia Lang at 755-1307.

greater percentage of change than it does today with the index hovering around 11,000.

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Beverly Bridges Joins Keenan & Molta Associates

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Prior to joining COLDWELL BANKER, Bridges met the Massachusetts real estate licensing requirements and completed FastStart and Discover the Difference, two of the comprehensive COLDWELL BANKER training programs. In addition, she has received her *Certified Buyer's Agent* and *Graduate of Buyers Agents* certifications. Bridges has over eight years experience in residential real estate sales.

"We're happy to have Beverly on our team," says Barry Boccasile, Vice President of Corporate Development. "She has an excellent background in residential sales, and is extremely knowledgeable about the greater Springfield market."

Bridges is a graduate of Westfield State College and is an active member of GSAR, MAR, and NAR.

She is a resident of West Springfield and can be reached at 413-263-3645 bevbrokeramedisonet.net.

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**COMMON SENSE**

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Raymond Rose**THE PIONEER GROUP****WRITE IT DOWN!**

Well, this week, you are going to learn one of my secrets to staying organized. I **write everything down**. From my personal life to my professional life, everything is listed. I have never been one of those people that tries to remember everything.

Many people would like to become more "organized." Not to be a machine, but to become more orderly and goal-directed in your daily activities ... always working your priorities.

A major step in the right direction is to get into the habit of writing things down - regardless of how good your memory may be. Writing down ideas and reminders keeps your mind free of clutter and makes you better able to concentrate on important issues.

If you don't already use one, buy yourself a good paper-based organizer or software program to keep all the things you write down in ONE place. Anytime something comes up that requires future action, simply write it in your "system" on a task page for the date you intend to act on it. Refrain from making ONE master to-do list! A master list overwhelms and torments you and shouts "TOO MUCH TO DO!" "NOT ENOUGH TIME!"

It works best if your "system" has a page for each day of the month. Say, for example, you need to remind yourself to pick up clothes at the dry cleaners on Friday the 20th. Simply jot the reminder down on the page for the 20th and it will be there to trigger action only on that day!

Combine both business and personal tasks together for a given day ... remember, you have ONE life.

Build the daily habit of reviewing your task list and appointment schedule for the next day, **THE NIGHT BEFORE!** This small planning session has many benefits:

- You don't "mind-cycle" things each evening at home.
- You wake up in the morning "knowing" you are in control.
- You have a "roadmap" to follow all through the day.

Take control today. When you think it - write it down!

Raymond Rose is the Principal of **THE PIONEER GROUP**, a professional real estate firm that represents home buyers only. Comments/questions can be directed to his office (731-6800) or his e-mail (RayRose111@aol.com). Also, contact him via e-mail to receive his **FREE** online newsletter, **THE PIONEER REPORT - Online**.

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**Homing-In On Your Preferences...**

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Decide what features you must have in a home and those you'd like to have. Do you want a two-car garage, family room, or fireplace?

In making your decisions, consider your lifestyle realistically. If you don't like yard work, you might want a condo or a home with little landscaping. Hobbyists may need a work room or extra garage space.

Think about the neighborhood in which you'd like to live. Pick out neighborhoods that appeal to you and talk to the people who live there.

Ask your sales associate about property taxes, including any pending increases or special assessments.

Also be aware of any neighborhood restrictions. Look for evidence of good zoning practices. Businesses or industries should not be mixed in with residences. Other regulations, such as on-street parking, may also be in force.

For more real estate information, call Pam Savioli at (413) 748-7565.

Best local news...

Keenan & Molta Associates Proud Of Coldwell Banker's Concierge Program

Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Associates is now offering a one-stop shopping concept to consumers in the real estate market through the new **COLDWELL BANKER Concierge Program**, an innovative full-service real estate program developed by Coldwell Banker Real Estate Corporation (**COLDWELL BANKER**).

The **COLDWELL BANKER Concierge** program assists customers with the many ancillary needs involved in the sale or purchase of a home. The program delivers national and local products and services which facilitate the clients' process from loan approval to home improvement. The national alliances include more than 15 partners, including AON Home Warranty, North American Van Lines, AT&T, ADT Security Systems, and Public Storage.

"Through the **COLDWELL BANKER Concierge** program, consumers will benefit from the ease and convenience of centralized services," said Michelle Stevens, Marketing Director for Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Associates.

"**COLDWELL BANKER** understands that moving can be busy and stressful, and our goal is to simplify the home-buying process and help consumers save valuable time. Additionally, Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Associates has created alliances with local product and service providers

to offer top-quality services to consumers."

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Fibromyalgia...

Tight muscles that are painful to touch describes the condition called **fibromyalgia**. Symptoms may include aches and pains that limit normal activities - walking, moving your arm or hand, or even opening your mouth.

Damaged soft tissue (muscles, ligaments, and tendons) can lead to **myofascial pain syndrome (MPS)**, a common but complex problem in which muscles develop harmful knots called trigger points. Chiropractic treatment offers a unique approach to diagnosing and treating this condition.


Certain regions of your body may be prone to myofascial pain due to repeated strain, poor posture, poor nutrition, or lack of exercise. When healing is delayed or incorrect, the muscle fibers may be damaged causing pain or limited movement in your neck, back, arms, legs, or almost anywhere in your body.

Leading causes of fibromyalgia include injuries from car accidents, falls, and sports injuries. If you often work long hours without breaks, fail to exercise, and eat poorly, you are more at risk. Poor posture, sleeping on your stomach, working at a job or hobby requiring repetitive motions are other factors.

Chiropractic evaluation includes a physical examination and helps you understand how the damage occurs. X-rays may be recommended to determine joint integrity. Treatment can relieve your pain and restore your mobility.

The **SCHLAFER CHIROPRACTIC OFFICE** welcomes anyone who may have questions or suspects this type of health problem. Call us at (413) 789-1369.

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Chronic Ankle Sprains...

It's interesting to note how an old injury can creep up years later and create ongoing problems. We see this often in ankle injuries.

A person will sprain their ankle, it heals over time, but not 100 percent. Then the ankle seems to be prone to more injury from then on. What happens with the ankle sprains is that the injury damages tendons and ligaments, the tissues heal, but they're not as strong as they were.

Then proprioception is affected, which means the nerves send messages to the brain incorrectly, then the brain doesn't know where the foot is exactly, therefore, a person tends to "stumble" over divots or mild variances in their path.

This leads to chronic ankle sprains and a person to believe they have "weak" ankles. What needs to happen here is correct healing and proper rehabilitation of the ankle to take place in order for the joint to be 100 percent restored.

Acute ankle sprains require ice, rest, elevation, and compression.

Chronic, recurrent ankle sprains, those people who suffer continuous giving way of the ankle, need a different approach. If the joints are not moving well and there is a restriction of motion, deep friction massage and mobilization of the joints may be required. Balance training may be necessary to not only strengthen the weakened musculature, but also train the nerves of the region. Muscle strengthening is also important to help with the strength of the joint.

Chronic ankle sprains can be frustrating and limiting. Proper care of a sprain can make a difference between a strong joint or an ongoing problem. Take care of your body today to prevent problems in the future.

Dr. Nelson maintains an office at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, 786-4820.

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Programs Offered At Noble Hospital

SUPPORT GROUPS

Alcoholics Anonymous: Sunday evenings, 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital, 115 West Silver Street, Westfield. Free of charge. All are welcome.

Stroke Support Group: Wednesday, August 25th, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. In the Bronson Rehabilitation Center Dining Room at Noble Hospital. Free of charge and open to individuals recovering from a stroke, spouses, caregivers, and other interested persons.

The topic on August 25th will be "Speech and Language Problems after a Stroke."

Support group participants are encouraged to suggest topics for future meetings. Call 568-2811, ext. 5809, and leave a topic.

Diabetes: Tuesday, August 24th, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital. Free of charge and open to individuals who have diabetes and their support persons.

At this meeting, Noble Hospital pharmacists Phil Spigarelli, R. Ph., and Stacy Bratton, Pharm. D., will review medications with Diabetes Support Group participants. (If you are planning to attend this meeting, please bring your current medications with you.)

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Free Athletic Injury Clinic: Thursday, August 19th, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. At Noble Hospital's Sports and Rehabilitation Center, 76 Main Street, Westfield.

On the first, third, and fifth Thursdays of every month, a certified athletic trainer will evaluate athletic injuries. Then, based upon the evaluation, remedial exercises or physician referral may be recommended.

For an appointment, call 562-3522.

CPR Courses: Saturday, August 14th, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Parts I and II); Wednesdays, August 18th (Part I) and 25th (Part II), 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. In the Education Department/Ground Floor at Noble Hospital.

These two-part courses provide American Heart Association Adult, Child, and Infant Certification. The cost of each course is \$45.

To register or obtain more information, call Noble Hospital's Education Department at (413) 572-5172.

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Young men and women entering the seventh and eighth grades will develop introductory skills in diverse health care careers. Campers will experience first-hand possible occupations they may wish to pursue in the health care field.

The program, while based out of the Education Department, will visit various departments throughout the hospital. Campers will have minimal exposure to hospital patients. Health care professionals will directly supervise your child at all times.

The fee is \$95. Enrollment is limited, and pre-registration is required.

Please call (413) 568-2811, ext. 5914, for more information or to obtain registration materials.



Fitness Tips...

by
Carmela Kirk, R.N.
Fitness Director
Fitness First

Change Of Focus...

Change of focus is not the title, it is my answer. Everyone keeps asking me why I've left nursing. I haven't. I will always be a nurse. All that has changed is my focus.

Instead of me, the nurse, taking care of them, the already sick, I am refocusing to another group: the not yet sick.

Our bodies are amazing. It only takes a little attention and diligence to prevent most diseases. Healthy diet, regular exercise, and a good laugh is all it takes.

I am very frustrated. The very overweight individual with knee or back pain does not need any medication! They need to appreciate their body, change their diet, and exercise regularly. I know this doesn't make anyone rich or keep the drug companies happy, but it's a fact.

Arthritis is **not** a normal part of aging. Indigestion is **not** something wrong with your stomach. It is what we are putting in there that is the problem.

Come work out with me. I am doing more nursing than I've ever done. I rarely talk about medication. Medication quiets your body and we are not listening enough as it is. Problems begin in various areas depending on your genes. Everyone's weak area is different and everyone is susceptible. Whether we end up with cancer, heart disease, Alzheimer's, it's all the same.

We just got to different places by taking the same route. End organ failure is what we are paying too much attention to, then it is frequently too late.

I love being a nurse. I love showing people that exercise doesn't hurt. I love teaching people how to take care of their bodies now while they are well.

Pay attention to the subtle cues your body is telling you. Exercise needs to be a regular part of your life. The minute it becomes a habit, your body will tell you you are doing the right thing. You'll miss it when you can't exercise. You'll feel grumpy and tired if you miss more than four days or so.

Walk, job, bike, take a class, who cares? Just get the heart rate up and keep it there a while. Deep breathe and stretch every day. Focus on the muscles a little with resistance training. Keep your bones strong, too.

It does not take much exercise at all to prevent disease. You may not need to lose weight or change all that much. The little changes that occur inside each time you go for a walk is all it takes. Changing the focus is sometimes all you need to get to where you need to be.

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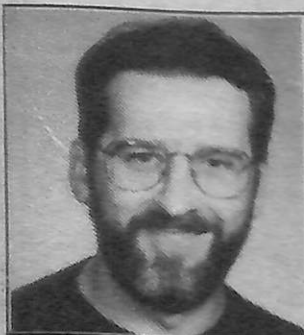
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Life And Death: Side By Side...

Getting at your truest version of your life-story can be a matter of *life and death*. Actually, many of us work very hard at *not* getting close to our authentic self for fear that we will experience death to our old self (the system's version of who they need us to be). Emotional death, as it were, exists side by side with emotional life.

I can hear one of my favorite e-mail responders saying, "There he goes again! What is he talking about now?" Well, let us draw upon our collective perception and experience of how life and death seem to live side by side. A tragedy occurs where someone dies or nearly dies while others live on into having just missed taking or just finishing their turn on an amusement ride.

You stop at an upcoming yellow light and just miss being part of a fatal drunk driving car accident. A mother dies while bringing forth life. If only the cut or fall your child sustained was one inch to the right ... or perhaps your cancer progresses to a near-death experience, enriching your precious time of remission.

When dealing with these very concrete examples of life and death, we are reminded of how close a relationship exists between the two. In my experience with human relationship and family systems, the relationship between life and death is similarly close. The threat that a family member(s) considers or even risks stepping out into creating a version of their own identity different from the families' version can be experienced as a life and death matter.

One can experience this emotional process of *claiming life* for oneself as if it were an *emotional death* from their family system's version of their identity. So, too, can the family experience a family member differentiating from them as a loss or death.

As in any death experience, the loss is profound and in no way implies giving up your memories. In fact, the memories can launch and sustain life after death.

The connection, as I see it, is for someone to *live into life* beyond an unhealthy family system version by not forgetting, remaining connected, yet in *new and healthy ways*. Not by denying something happened that shouldn't have happened, but by remembering and naming the key components of life in your family system as you are *now* choosing *not* to live out or carry with you any longer.

I believe, in order to know and live from your most authentic self, your "new identity" must be different from the "old identity" (families' version). Then, you can truly move into "owning" your new self.

As I see it, the task toward living *life not death*, becomes one of choosing to bring with you the best of what you were offered from your family system and leaving behind and even giving back to that (oppressive) system that which you will no longer carry for the sake of the family system and is rightfully theirs to begin with.

An inherent conflict in this type of *life change* is our feeling "comfortable," despite how destructive "comfortable" may be experienced as in a bad marriage, an abusive relationship, an absent parent, an isolating disconnection from friends and family, or perhaps being overly together with little to no chance for any separateness. These are just a few of the ways people *stay in dysfunction*, *stuck* from choosing freedom and its consequences.

Death is like *emotional cut-off* from key relationships. Death forever binds us to one another in ways even life can not. Recently, I spoke about how many folks would rather *cut-off* from an experience or relationship rather than move into "working on it."

While cutting off may prove helpful in the short run, more often than not, emotionally cutting off serves only to keep us *stuck* to the very experience or relationship we wish to flee. It can also contribute toward repeating this pattern into future relationships. The good news is, that unlike death, our choosing cut-off over connection can be reversed, at least from our side.

How you face your challenge to *live life with death side by side*, to me, is the fine line you travel

that can either affirm living into your most authentic self and/or keep you stuck in the death-like experience of living out the family system's version of who you should and need to be for them and the Emotional System they serve.

Let's talk some more about this ... in the meantime, use my **NEW e-mail address**: AOL screen name: **dpmft449** or continue to write me with your feedback, relationship questions, and topics and "Let's Talk about it."

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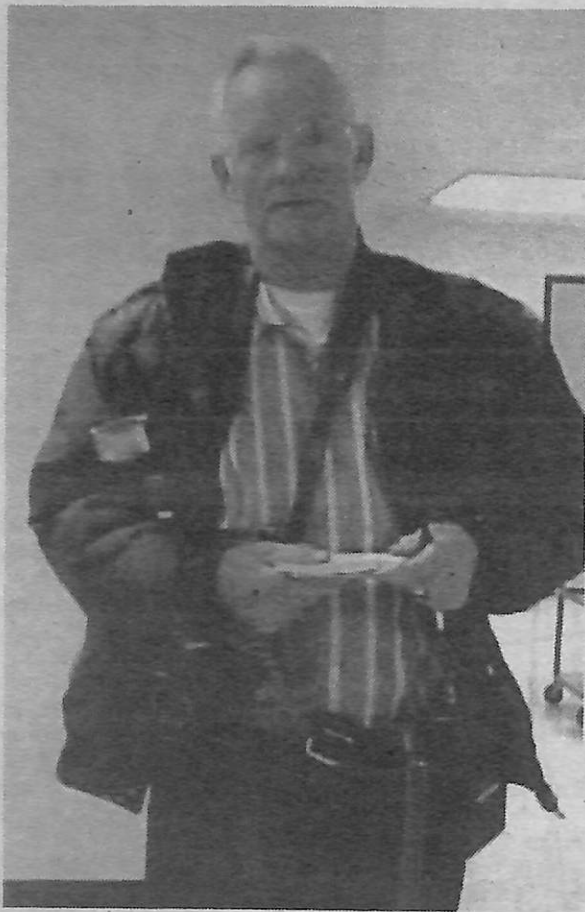


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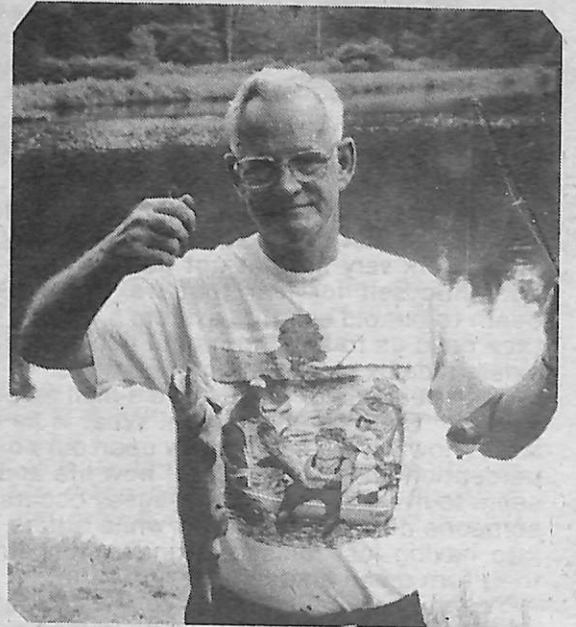


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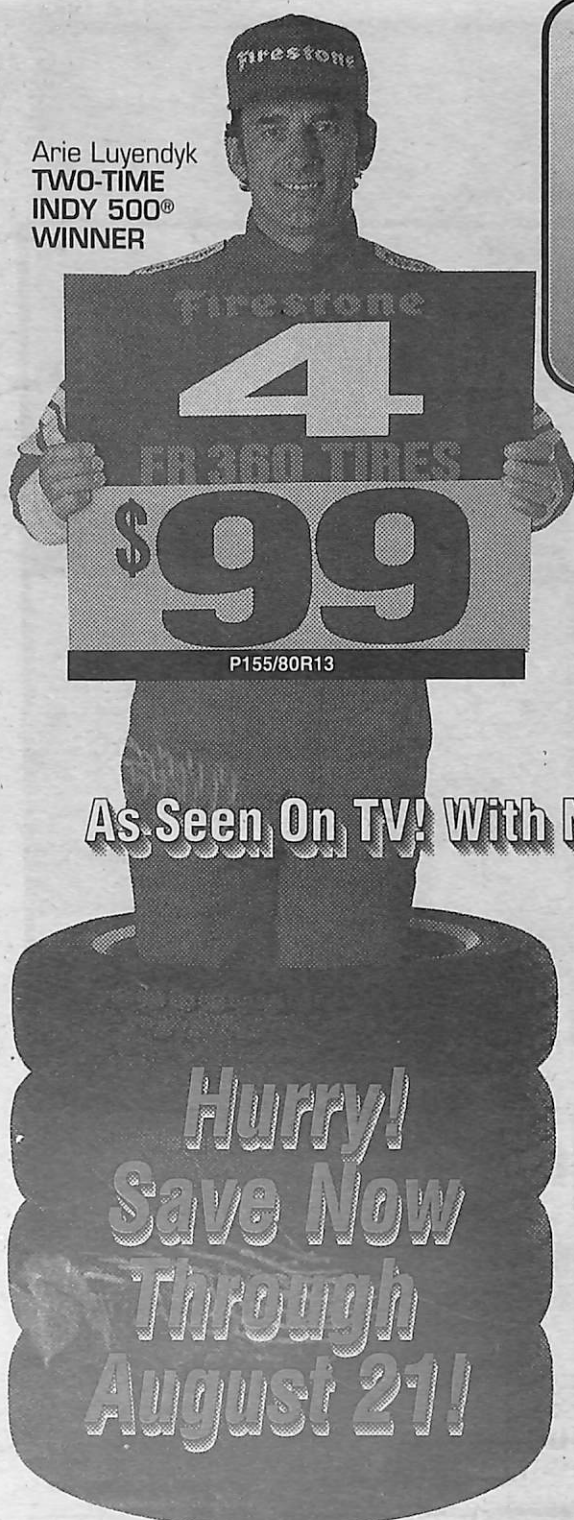
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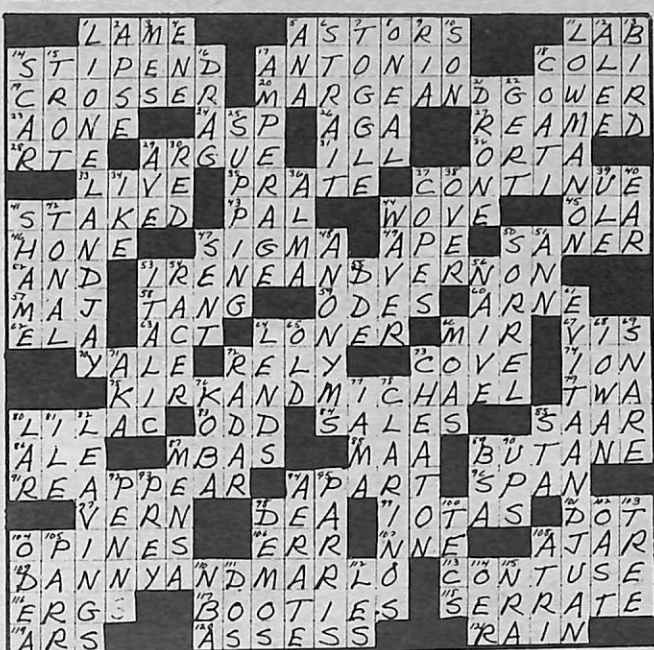
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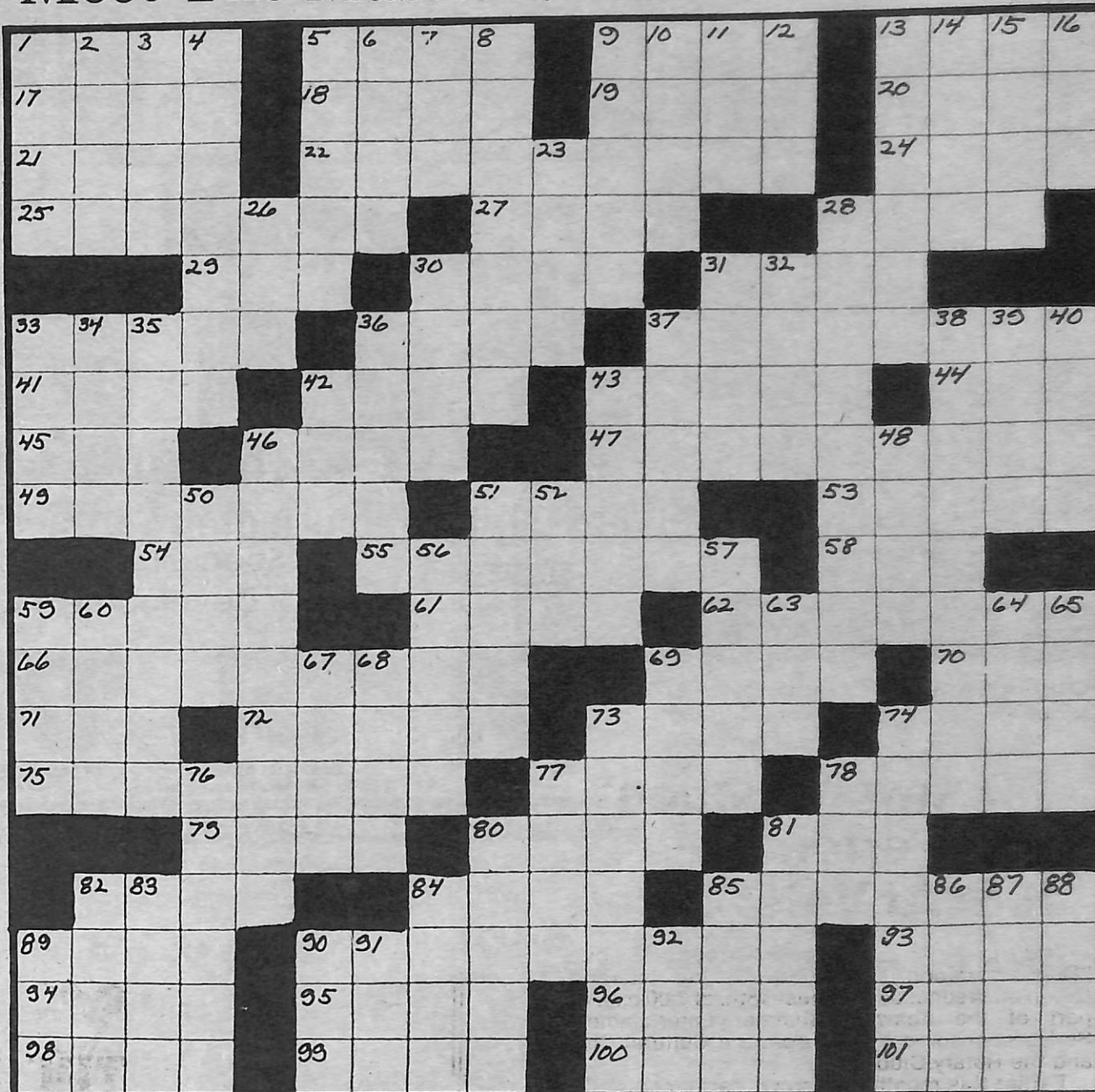


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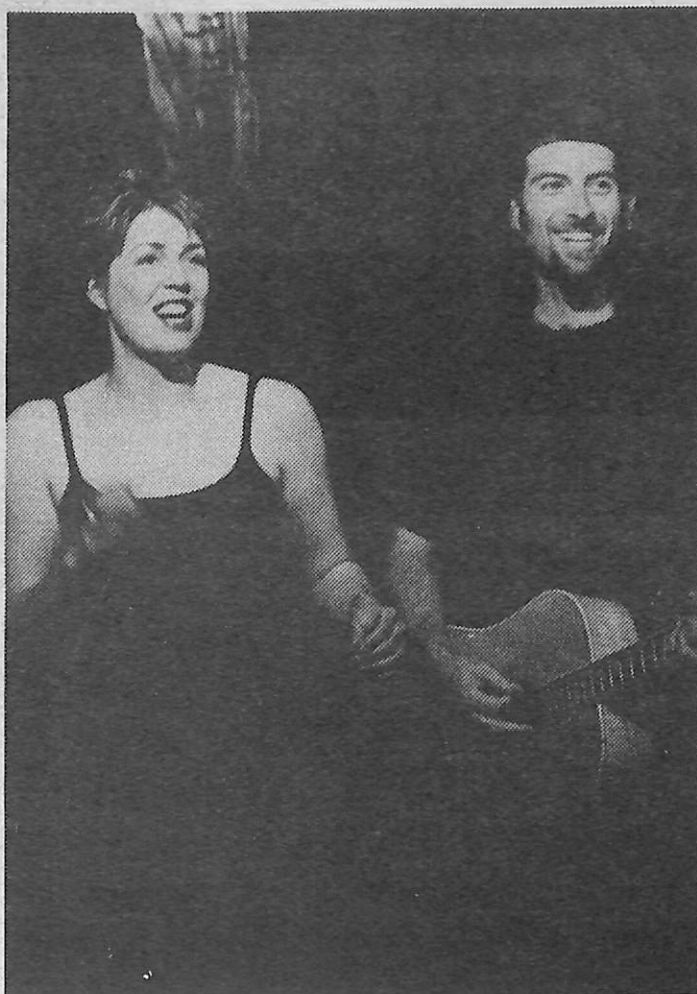


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"DOGWOOD MOON," an acoustic duo which hails from Los Angeles.

"Dogwood Moon" To Perform Aug. 18th At Vets' Green

The Los Angeles-based acoustic duo "Dogwood Moon" will perform at the Veterans' Green on Wednesday, August 18th, at 7:00 p.m. as part of the Agawam Summer Entertainment Series sponsored by the Agawam Cultural Club and the Rotary Club.

Earlier this month, the group performed at the world-famous Ben and Jerry's Newport Folk Festival in Newport, Rhode Island. The duo has been featured on four different major motion picture soundtracks, including a recent film starring George Clooney.

The night's entertainment is free and will be held rain or shine. The event is being sponsored by Woronoco Savings Bank.

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Agawam Resident In MAME At Enrico Fermi High School

One of the great ladies of the musical comedy stage, "Auntie Mame," is on her way to Enfield, Connecticut, as the Callboard Summer Theatre Company presents the brassy, glamorous Broadway musical, MAME, on September 9th, 10th, and 11th at the Enrico Fermi High School Auditorium in Enfield.

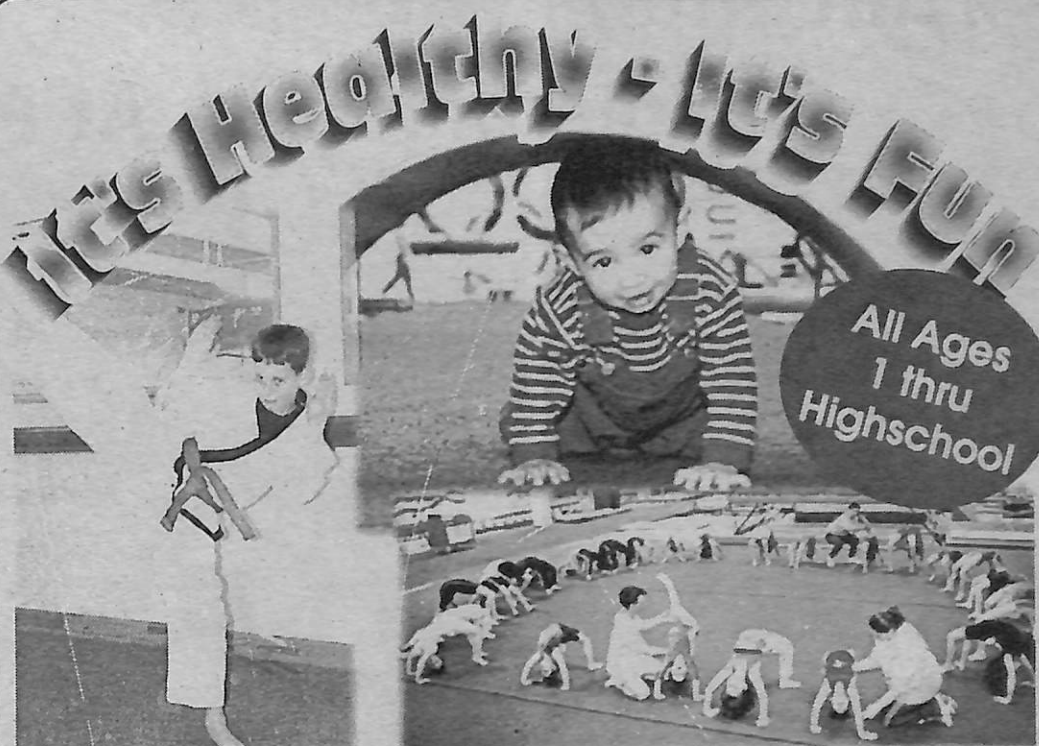
Written by composer Jerry Herman of HELLO, DOLLY! fame, this production features Agawam resident Conni Lind as "Vera Charles."

Mrs. Lind has appeared in community theatre for over 30 years as a performer and founding member of the St. Martha Players of Enfield, where her memorable roles included "Aldonza" in MAN OF LA MANCHA, "Abigail Adams" in 1776, "Marian" in THE MUSIC MAN, and "Margo Channing" in APPLAUSE (to mention but a few).

With the Callboard Theatre Company, she appeared in the group's very first production, HELLO, DOLLY!, as "Dolly Levi." Over the years, she has performed with the Suffield Players, the Encore Players, and has performed as a vocalist with the local cabaret, "A Class Act."

Featuring Karen Ippolito-Caruolo in the title role of "Mame Dennis," MAME is being produced, directed, and choreographed by Enfield dance instructor David N. Potter of Springfield, with musical direction by Frank Jackson. This will be the company's first "summer theatre" production to be presented in Enfield (where previous Callboard productions have included A CHORUS LINE and 42ND STREET).

All tickets will be reserved seating with adult, senior citizen, student, and child rates available. For more information, call David Potter's Dance Studio, 350 Hazard Avenue, Enfield, at (860) 749-7527.

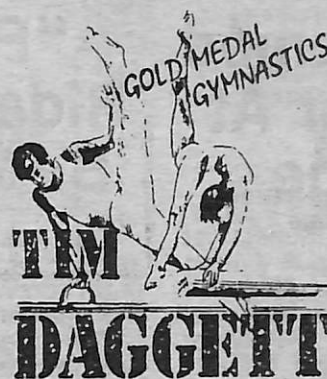


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IN LEFT PHOTO: This brave young man served as a "dunkee" at the dunking booth during the recently held carnival at Perry Lane. IN RIGHT PHOTO: The counselors who are in charge of the various warm-weather activities for youngsters at Perry Lane. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Keith Jendza Named Faculty Scholar At Trinity College

Keith Jendza was named Faculty Scholar at Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut. During the Honors Day ceremony held at the college, he was also awarded The Peter J. Schaefer Memorial Prize in Economics and The Division of Polymer Chemistry of the American Chemical Society Award.

Keith is currently participating in a 10-week research project for the Chemistry Department at Trinity College.

Keith is the son of Jacqueline M. Jendza of Feeding Hills, and Richard Jendza, also of Feeding Hills.

Best local news...

"First Time Bus Riders Program" To Be Wed., Aug. 25th

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is once again sponsoring the "First Time Bus Riders Program" on Wednesday, August 25th, at 9:30 a.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street.

The program features the "Safety Bug" and is designed for Agawam and Feeding Hills children who will be taking a school bus for the first time this year.

Information is available by calling Donna Shibley at 786-3888. Parking is available at the Agawam High School Circle.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts, Junior Membership.

AHS Schedules Freshmen Tours For Wed., August 25th

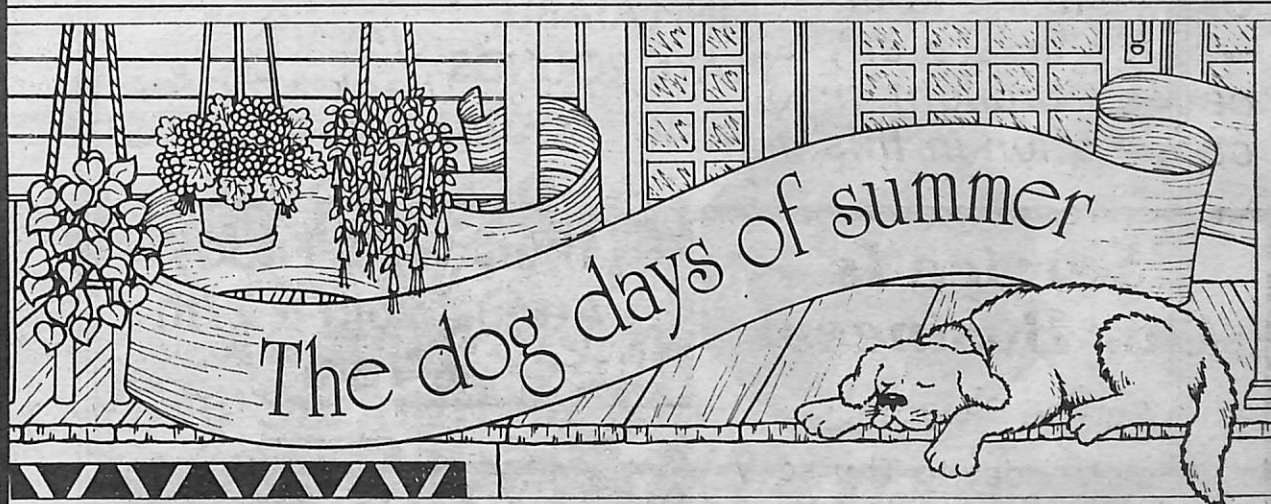
On Wednesday, August 25th, from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m., members of the Agawam High School staff will be conducting tours for the incoming class of 2003.

The guided tours are designed to help the freshmen become familiar with the building and ease the nervousness involved with starting high school.

Freshmen are to gather outside of the guidance office for the tours.

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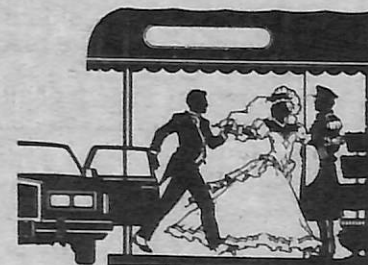
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REBECCA J. WING

Rebecca J. Wing Receives Arnold Scholarship Award

Rebecca J. Wing of Feeding Hills is the recipient of a \$4,000 Arnold Industries Scholarship Foundation Award. Rebecca will begin her senior year of college at Quinnipiac College, Hamden, Connecticut where she will major in Physical Therapy.

A 1996 graduate of Agawam High School, Rebecca is one of 120 students selected out of 1,375 to be part of the Physical Therapy Masters Program with a 3.4 cumulative GPA.

Rebecca is the daughter of Gary and Deborah Wing. Her father is a truck driver at the Springfield terminal of New Penn Motor Express, Inc.

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Stationed In Sicily...

Air National Guard Troops Receive Letters From Phelps School Students

Before the end of the 1998-1999 school year, the students at Phelps School made cards and wrote letters to send to the troops from the 104th Fighter Wing from Barnes Air National Guard Base over in Sicily.

Phelps has two students whose fathers are serving in Sicily: Alyssa Styckiewicz, whose father is Msgt. Michael Styckiewicz; and Brianna Kane, whose father is Sgt. Patrick Kane.

The response was overwhelming, and the letters were delivered and happily received by the men and women of the 104th.

To show their appreciation for the students' correspondence, the troops wrote back with their own letter:

Dear Students and Teachers:

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Trapani Air Base, Sicily, would like to thank you for all the posters and cards. We appreciate you taking the time to brighten up our day with your caring letters.

The troops here have worked hard and long hours in support of the A-10's mission. The end result of peace in Kosovo, and families being able to return to their homes in Kosovo, has made our mission here extremely gratifying. The next step is our return home, which should be very soon.

We would again like to thank you for your supportive letters. And, as we give our best effort supporting our mission, we would like to encourage you to give your best effort toward your education. Enjoy your summer vacation.

Thanks from the Troops of the
131 Expeditionary Fighter Squadron

Alfred Albano To Serve As R.A. At Hamilton College

Alfred Albano, the son of Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Albano of Robin Ridge Drive in Feeding Hills, will serve as a resident advisor at Hamilton College this year.

The primary function of the resident advisor is to promote and maintain a positive residence hall environment that is conducive to academic achievement and personal growth of all residents.

The responsibilities of the 55 resident advisors include planning student group activities, maintaining individual student contact with the residents, and participating in training programs during the year.

A rising senior major in chemistry at Hamilton, Albano is a graduate of Agawam High School.

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A retirement party for The AAN's photographer, Jack Devine, will be held at Chez Josef on Sunday, September 12th. For tickets and further information, see the ad on Page 28...

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Sports

In Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer...

Agawam Boys Bow To Lucky Ludlow, 2-1, At The Middle School Field

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Before last week's Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League game between Agawam and Ludlow, summer Brownie Coach Ed Santaniello was all smiles. "I don't think anyone loves playing Ludlow more than Agawam," he said. His team had won their quarter-final match against Monson, 2-1, a couple of days earlier.

They has a record of 12-1-1, and had beaten Ludlow, 4-2, in their first game of the summer season. The Ludlow kids came down to the Agawam Middle School with a record of 8-5 and lots of subs and came away with a 1-0 win, thus knocking Agawam out of the playoffs.

It wasn't that Ludlow was a better team on this day; they just had more luck. For the first part of the first half, each team was content to play a midfield game. For the summer Brownies, Josh Dickman, Judd Patterson, and Brian Lopes led the way.

Lopes, again flying as he always does, had a great opportunity three minutes in, but misfired. That seemed to set a charge under the visitors because they came back and forced Agawam to play some tough defense.

The locals did and it was their turn again. This time, it was Dickman and Patterson who were joined by Matt Quirk. One more time, Lopes was set up and had the chance at the 6:27 mark, launching from 50 feet out on the left wing. But a good Ludlow save robbed the talented, hard-working Lopes.

A Ludlow soccer program is tough at any level and they were proving as much. They had been carrying most of the offense to the summer Brownies and only some good defense, led by Quirk, Dan Marsili, and rugged goalie Johnny DeCaro, prevented anything bad from happening. While they were battling the enemy offense, Jon Ashwell and Lopes were trying to manufacture a breakout for the hometown attackers.

Something Almost Happened For Agawam...

Something almost happened for Agawam at the 17:11 mark. Dickman had swooped into the Ludlow crease with Lopes right behind him. Lopes got the rebound and shot. The ball, aimed for an open right side of the Ludlow net, just sailed a foot by the right post from 30 feet away. The gods of soccer, which most folks from Lion country think reside in their town, were indeed smiling on them after that play.

A minute later, DeCaro made an acrobatic save on a high crossing shot. He stepped up again with 20:59 gone, with a save on a ball headed for the left corner of his net. (Evidently the soccer gods also had some extra grace for the summer Brownies.) The Agawam defense, scrambling in front of their keeper, then stopped a Ludlow corner. In that exchange, Mike Crough, Quirk, and Jim Evans played a big role. With seven minutes left in the first half, Lopes had two big chances. His first shot missed by one foot on the right. His second blast hit the crossbar. The half ended in a scoreless tie.

Agawam had four shots on net. Ludlow marked up four as well.

The summer Brownies started out the second half in an aggressive mode behind Lopes, Mike Sullivan, Dickman, and Ashwell. Again the visitors answered and it proved to be fatal to the Agawam playoff hopes - they scored into the right-hand corner of the net, with 6:16 gone. It came off a direct kick and appeared to be off-sides as three of the



BRIAN LOPES chases the Ludlow goalie down during Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League action. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

Ludlow attackers broke in alone on DeCaro after the direct kick was chipped over the Agawam defense and up along the 18-yard line. DeCaro reacted as if Ludlow was way offside and was shocked when the play continued and Ludlow scored.

That 1-0 lead would stand up as Ludlow switched to a defensive mode, concentrating on stopping an Agawam offense which had rung up 62 goals over their previous 14 games.

Also before the game, Coach Santaniello mentioned that the playoffs were gravy; something earned by playing well all summer long. "Whatever happens won't take away from what

we have done," he smiled.

Agawam had five second-half shots on net for a total of nine. Ludlow recorded five for nine in the game.

After the game, Santaniello consoled his troops and offered the same kind of positive reinforcement he's provided them all summer long. Some of the parents and virtually all of the players thanked him for a job well-done as both a coach and as a teacher of soccer.

"It's all about the kids. They played their hearts out all summer long and I think everyone had a good experience over the past few months," Santaniello said.



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Local Girls Enjoy Success In Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor



BRIAN LOPES (above) and JOHN ASHWELL definitely get their "kicks" while playing in the Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League. Advertiser News photos by Dave Rollins.



The Agawam girls had some great success in the Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League - going all the way to the finals before losing, 5-0 to Ludlow. "We are the only Agawam girls' team to ever reach the finals in the Pioneer Valley Summer League," Coach Denny Marr noted.

He thought it best to look over a team with a great deal of promise, which will start the fall season with a new coach. "We didn't always have our total contingent show up because of the nature of summer soccer. Many of the kids work. Others are away with their families. The kids who did manage to be with us were great," Marr stressed.

He started out by mentioning Alise Alfano, a fullback. "Alise was important for us on the front line." Sweeper Sheri Benton was also noted as a player who started many an attack for the 9-5-1 team. Both of those kids will be seniors this season.

There were other seniors who caught the coach's attention. "Marie Buendo was the fastest kid on the team. She always challenged the defense," Marr said. Pam Gervais is a marking back who, according to Marr, is tough to beat physically. Kristen Lawson has the ability to play anywhere on the field. Jen Lyman is a pure attacker long or short. His daughter, Jen Marr, was also in the mix. Unfortunately, she was injured in a game against Comp and will be out for the fall season.

The coach went on. "Jen Modzelesky was a

stopper for us. As an outside halfback, she was a tenacious defender." Ann Paquette is a total scrapper both offensively and defensively, according to the coach.

Then there was Kate Shannon. "She just hates to lose. On defense, no one gets by her. Amanda Tilden controlled the center of the field with her speed. Gina Loudfoot never stops hustling." And the senior keeper, Katie White, according to the coach, had a great season.

Equally Impressive Juniors

The juniors were equally impressive. Courtney Adamczyk had to play many positions and did so with great skill. Lisa Bienia was a good offensive player at halfback. Keegan Clark teamed up with Bienia to help the offense, according to Marr.

Also noted: Jill Gendron (greatly skilled); Amy Jensen, who scored the winning goal in Agawam's 1-0 semi-final victory over Ludlow II and Heather Newalu ("a kid who never quit").

There were sophomores as well. They included Amanda Blair, who filled in when Benton went to England, and Jill Lawson, who the coach called very tenacious. Desiree Marsili, a forward, had a hatrick against Central. "She is a goal scorer," Marr noted. And finally, there was Jess Newalu. "To me, she has the potential to be a future star," he said.

In the end, Marr looked at the upcoming girls' soccer season. "It should be exciting, with the new coach (Laura Wray) and the talent that became so evident over the summer."

At Agawam Country Club On September 23rd...

Agawam Chamber Of Commerce Slates Nine-Hole Golf Social

The Agawam Chamber of Commerce announces plans for their second Annual Nine-Hole Golf Social scheduled for Thursday, September 23rd at Agawam Country Club.

The Chamber is hosting the fall afternoon of golf and business networking to offer Agawam business people an opportunity to meet for a golf outing without having to take an entire day off from work.

Tee times will be set up between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. allowing for foursomes to complete a nine-hole scramble and then gather for a light buffet and networking in the Clubhouse.

"Everyone that played last year suggested that the Chamber continue the tradition. In addition to

the fun, the Chamber is pleased to offer another opportunity for area business men and women to meet, introduce themselves, and expand their network of business contacts here in Agawam," said Linda Northup Vitro, president of the Agawam Chamber.

"The Agawam Chamber golf social is a business networking event open to all. All levels of players are welcome," Northup Vitro added.

The price per golfer is \$25 and includes green fees, cart, and refreshments and prizes. Space is limited to 60 golfers.

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THE MEMBERS OF THE Agawam Little League Jimmy Fund all-star team: back row — Chris Ryan, Josh Barcomb, Steve Butt, Steve Carmody, Steve Donah, Billy Parr, Tyler Toyfair, and Brendon Struck; front row — Mike Copeland, Ryan Wytrych, Joe Colletti, Nick Grassetti, Drew Randall, Anthony Costa, and Nick Pioggia.

In Little League Baseball...

Agawam's 9-10 Team Loses A Close One To Southwick, 5-4

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The continuing success of Agawam Little League baseball was evident last week when the 9-10 team made it all the way to the finals of their tournament before losing to Southwick, 5-4.

The game, played in Westfield, saw Agawam go in as the number one seed, followed by Southwick (number two), Westfield North (number three), and Westfield South (number four). Agawam went into the tournament having defeated all the teams in the qualifying rounds and was 4-0 in the eight-team field.

Agawam scored in the bottom of the first on a double by Drew Randall, who was then driven in by a single off the bat of Steve Donah. Southwick got four in the top of the fourth in the six-inning game.

Agawam came back with three in its half of the fourth on a single by Josh Barkum, followed by a two-run homerun from Donah. The Agawam kids then scored again when Steve Carmody scored on a walk by Nick Pioggia after a fielder's choice. Southwick won the game with a run in the fifth.

A Fundraising Event

Agawam 9-10 Coach Pete Donah noted that this tournament isn't like the one for the older kids, who can get all the way to the Little League World Series in Pennsylvania. "This one is sponsored by

the Jimmy Fund of America and Little League Baseball and raises money for both. The winner of this tournament gets to go see a Pawtucket Red Sox game in Rhode Island. The team that raises the most money goes to a Red Sox game.

"Last year, we won the tournament and also raised the most money. For that, we went to a Red Sox game against the Indians. They took us to the Diamond Club, where the kids met Jason Varitek and John Wasden," Donah said. Then he noted that Varitek won the game with a late-inning homerun for the BoSox.

It's not known yet whether Southwick or Agawam has come up with the most cash. "We have the kids go out in front of various stores to collect donations," Donah pointed out. He said that the Citgo station on Suffield Street, the Super Foodmart, and Geissler's Supermarket in Agawam have all been helpful assisting in their fundraising campaign.

Donah had this take on the season: "We saw some fine baseball played by kids who will be part of the future of the game in Agawam."

If you would like to help the team raise money, you can send your donation to The Jimmy Fund, Agawam Little League, P.O. Box 778, Agawam, MA 01001.

DREW RANDALL at bat for the Agawam Little League Jimmy Fund all-star team. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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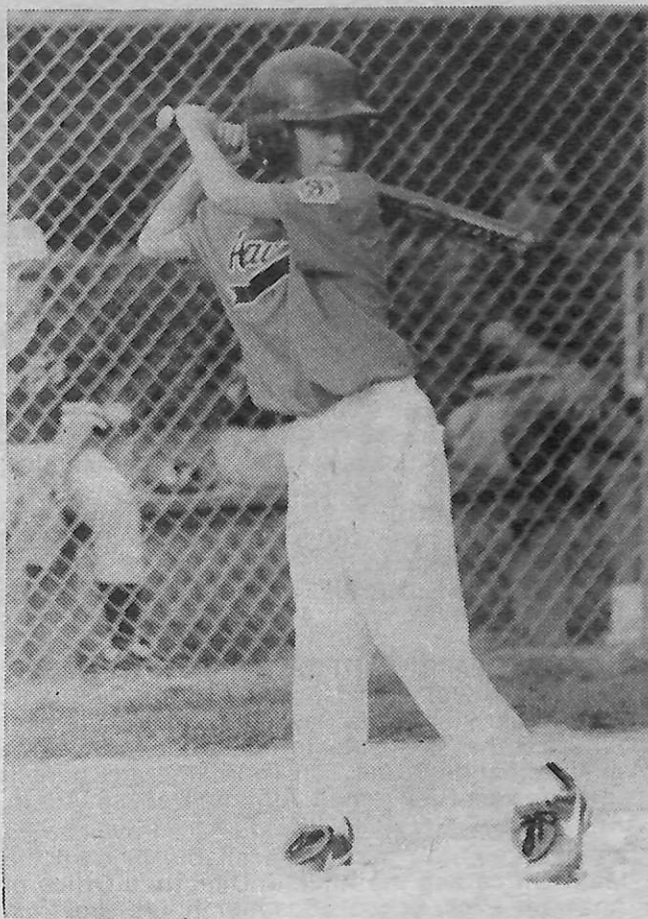
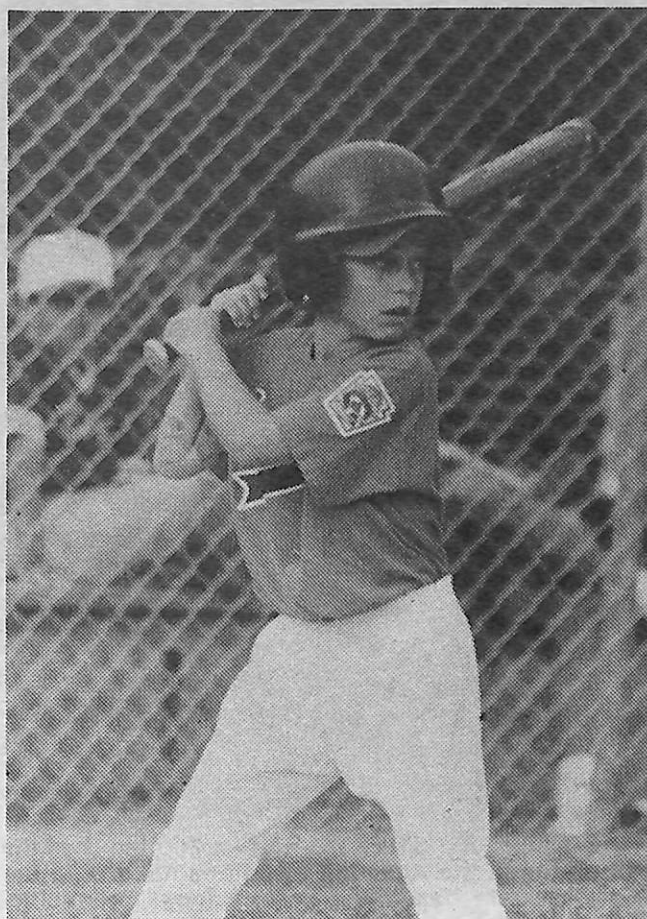
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PLAYING FOR THE Agawam Little League Jimmy Fund all-star team: Joe Colletti (left photo) and Billy Parr (right photo). If you would like to help the team raise money, you can send your donation to The Jimmy Fund, Agawam Little League, P.O. Box 778, Agawam, MA 01001. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

A retirement party for The AAN's photographer, Jack Devine, will be held at Chez Josef on Sunday, September 12th. For tickets and further information, see the ad on Page 28...

Local Sponsors To "Chip In" For Open Pantry's Golf Benefit

Wayne McCary of the Eastern States Exposition has renewed sponsorship of the 1999 West Springfield-Agawam Open Pantry Golf Benefit.

The Open Pantry services West Springfield, Agawam, Feeding Hills, and Southwick. The Pantry is an advocate for those in need. They provide food not only to those who come to the Pantry's door, but also provide meals to shut-ins in the four aforementioned towns. Their advocate programs reach out to those in need, such as those with social and drug problems.

WMAS AM/FM and Channel 22-TV are corporate sponsors. They have joined in to help promote the seventh annual golf benefit. This is the fifth year that WMAS has been a corporate sponsor. Susan Murray, the General Manager of WMAS, feels that this is a worthwhile event and is happy to support it.

The West Springfield-Agawam Open Pantry needs the help of local participants in the golf benefit. Paul Skowera, the chairman of the event, invites all in the community to "chip in" and get involved.

The golf event will take place at Shaker Farms Country Club on Wednesday, August 18th. Coffee and donuts will be served at 9:00 a.m., and the shotgun start is at 9:30 a.m.

Five-person teams will enjoy golf, refreshments, a "happy cart," lunch, and dinner. Prizes to be drawn (such as dinners, hot air balloon rides, golf clubs, and much more) will also be a part of the program.

For further information, contact Cassie or Candy at the West Springfield-Agawam Open Pantry, 734-7969, or call Paul Skowera at 739-1695.

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Melconian Golf Open Still Needs Event Sponsorships

State Senator Linda Melconian has announced that all of the golfer spots for her upcoming charity tournament have been filled, due to a tremendous response from the local community.

The tournament, taking place on Monday, August 30th, at The Orchards in South Hadley, benefits battered women's shelters in Hampden County. Although all the golf slots are filled, event sponsors are still needed to make the tournament a success.

Local businesses are invited to participate as a tournament sponsor, or a hole/tee/green sponsor. Each of these sponsorship levels offer maximum visibility, and 100 percent of the money raised goes directly to charity.

Local business owners interested in participating, or who have questions about the different levels of participation, should call Rosemary Sandlin at (413) 785-0820, or Paige Thayer at (413) 732-3121, Ext. 103, for more information.

The three shelters benefiting from the tournament are: Womanshelter/Companeras in Holyoke, and the Abuse and Rape Crisis Hotline (ARCH) in Springfield and New Beginnings in Westfield; both of which are programs of the YWCA of Western Massachusetts.

Each program provides free and confidential emergency shelter, 24-hour telephone hotlines, counseling, support groups, legal advocacy, information, and referrals.

Senator Melconian is an active and vocal supporter of women's shelters in her district. As the Majority Leader and the highest-ranking woman in the Massachusetts State Senate, Melconian lobbies on behalf of women and children across Western Massachusetts.

AHS Athletic Dept. Lists Important Dates

All potential student-athletes of Agawam High School **MUST** have a signed M.I.A.A. Physical Examination Form to be eligible to try out for any of the fall teams.

A student-athlete may have his/her physical examination completed by his/her own doctor or they may have their physical examination done at the High School on the following dates:

MONDAY, AUGUST 23rd: 8:30 a.m., varsity and junior varsity football; 9:30 a.m., varsity and junior varsity boys' soccer; 10:00 a.m., boys' cross country; 10:15 a.m., golf; 10:30 a.m., varsity and junior varsity girls' soccer; 11:00 a.m., varsity and junior varsity field hockey; 11:30 a.m., girls' volleyball.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25th: 8:30 a.m., freshmen football; 9:00 a.m., freshmen boys' soccer; 9:30 a.m., freshmen girls' soccer; 9:45 a.m., freshmen field hockey; 10:00 a.m., gymnastics; 10:15 a.m., girls' cross country.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27th: 8:00 a.m., make-up physicals for boys; 8:30 a.m., make-up physicals for girls.

PRACTICE SCHEDULES: August 23rd: **FOOTBALL ONLY** (8:00 a.m.); August 26th: **ALL Teams** (8:00 a.m.)

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER: September 2nd: Back to Sport Night, 7:00 p.m.; September 7th: Media Day (2:15 p.m.); September 8th, "Let the Games Begin"; October 2nd: 5th Annual Berkshire Power Golf Tournament to benefit the Agawam High School Athletic Dept., 8:00 a.m.

If you are in need of an M.I.A.A. Physical Examination Form, they are available in both the Main Office and the Athletic Director's Office of Agawam High School. Summer hours are from 8:00 a.m.-2:45 p.m. (offices are closed from 12:00-1:00 p.m. for lunch).

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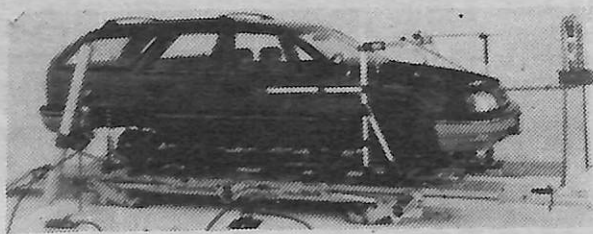
Not Many "Fowl" Balls For The Orioles...



THE AGAWAM LITTLE LEAGUE Teddy Bear Pools Orioles recently completed a very successful season. The major league division team captured both the division title and the league championship with a 15-3 record. Back row: Coach Taylor Albright, Coach Jeff Carmody, Coach Bernie Walsh, and Coach Peter Donah. Middle row: Ryan Walsh, Joe Koelher, Kevin Bienia, Jeff Walker, and Ryan McLane. Front row: Jeremy Albright, Justin Howe, Steven Carmody, Steven Donah, Jim Rannenberg, and Steve Smith.

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Monster Page Wins Sensational Sunday Enduro At Riverside

Shawn Buffington Continues To Dominate Legends Division With His 6th Victory

Riverside Park Speedway's famous "Thrills & Spills" Series delighted the crowd with many exciting feature events on Sunday night, August 8th.

Monster Page topped the card with a win in the frenzied, full-size Enduro. Another driver making a name for himself at the historic quarter-mile oval was Shawn Buffington, who captured his sixth Legends win of the season at Riverside Park.

Other winners were Kenny Jones in the four-cylinder Enduro, George Hartshorn in the Demolition Derby, Todd McGuire in the Mini Stocks, Bill Reiman in the Super Stocks, Debbie DeSanctis in the Powder Puff Derby, and Derek Nardi in the 20-lap Di-Hard truck feature.

Also in action was the popular Jimmy Fund Police Division, which features real police officers in real race cars. Office Mac Mailhot of the South Hadley Police Department picked up a win in the 20-lap Police Division event.

Rounding out the exciting night of racing was the United States Lawnmower Racing Association (USLMRA) in an exhibition event. Steve Barker of Gloversville, New York, mowed down the field for the convincing victory.

"Thrills & Spills" action will return on Sunday, August 22nd, with a first-of-its-kind event in New England. Riverside Park Speedway will host a Figure 8 Trailer Race, featuring stock cars towing trailers of all shapes and sizes through the crazy figure 8 track.

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At Riverside Speedway...

Danbury Racearena Reunion Night Set For Sat., Aug. 14th

On Saturday, August 14th, Riverside Park Speedway and 195 FM will team up to present the second annual Danbury Reunion Night featuring the cars and stars from the old Danbury Fair Racearena.

"This will be a very special night for our fans," stated Director of Auto Racing David Deery. "The Danbury Fair Racearena holds a special place in the hearts of New England race fans, and we're happy to bring back these legendary drivers and cars for a fun night at Riverside."

The Danbury Reunion features appearances by some of Danbury's greatest drivers and parade laps with restored modified coupes that raced at the former one-third-mile speedway.

Danbury drivers scheduled to appear at Riverside on August 14th include Jimmy Smith, Chick Stockwell, Lou Funk, and Gino Spada. Deery says an autograph session will be held with the drivers, in addition to a display of the old cars on the speedway.

Riverside Park's NAPA Modifieds, Teddy Bear Pools Pro Stocks, Teddy Bear Pools Trucks, Sportsman, Super Stocks, and Figure 8's will also be in action on the 14th.

In addition to the display of vintage Danbury modifieds, some of the original midget racing teams that competed at Danbury Fair Racearena will also be in attendance. The open-cockpit midgets were a popular attraction at Danbury Racearena and at Riverside Park Speedway before the modifieds became the popular style race car in the early 1950's.

For more information about the second annual Danbury Racearena Reunion Night, call (413) 786-9300 or visit www.riversideparkspeedway.com on the world wide web.

Summertime Hours In Effect At Perry Lane Pool

The Perry Lane pool is now open from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. This weekday schedule will be in effect until Friday, August 27th.

The pool will also be open on Saturdays and Sundays from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. now through August 29th.

Daily pool passes are available at the pool. The passes are \$1 for adults and children age six and older and 50 cents per person for children age five and younger.

People are reminded that floatation devices are not allowed in the pool and children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Defending Champs Return To Glory At Riverside Speedway

Using a good luck charm from his son, and lapped traffic to his advantage, Jimmy Broderick of Brookfield, Connecticut won his first race of the 1999 season at Riverside Park Speedway. Broderick, the 1998 NAPA Modified Champion, won after a close battle with Agawam's Ricky Miller in the 51-lap "tour-type" modified feature.

Other winners from July 31st were Todd Owen of Somers, Connecticut in the 40-lap Teddy Bear Pools Truck feature, Mike Duquette of Northampton in the 30-lap Teddy Bear Pools Truck feature, Jon Waterhouse of Berlin, Connecticut in the 25-lap Sportsman main, and Keith DeSanctis of Monson in the 20-lap Super Stock feature.

For Broderick, it was his first win with car owner Gary Teto in the No. 67 machine, and Broderick celebrated heartily in Victory Lane after spinning donuts on the track. Broderick was in control early in the race after getting a good jump on the field following an early caution period. With five laps to go, Miller was Broderick's closest challenger, but the defending champion was able to fend off Miller with a few lapped cars in between.

Broderick raced the 51-lap distance carrying a lucky coin from his son. The coin had earned the young Broderick a grand prize in a pre-race kids' penny promotion, and it brought luck for the No. 67 team in the feature as well. Rounding out the top five were Miller, Ted Riggott, Eddy Spiers, and Bill Bolton.

In the 40-lap Pro Stock event, Owen raced to the front with 30 laps remaining and held off veterans Eddy Carroll III and Barry Gray before settling in his third win of the season at the 1/4-mile oval. Carroll and Gray finished second and third, followed by Jay Miller and Tom Fearn in fifth place.

Mike Duquette's winning run in the 30-lap Truck feature came as a surprise to the Northampton driver. It was only Duquette's second start of the season, but the No. 3 Dodge stayed close to the front all night. Duquette raced ahead of defending division champion Ted Chalmers for the win, followed by Skip Breunig, Ernie Tarca, and Brian Merchant in fifth place.

Jon Waterhouse, like Broderick, had not reached Victory Lane this season after winning the 1998 track championship in his division. In the 25-lap Sportsman main, Waterhouse charged to the front and dueled with Tony Keilty, Betty Anne Dobosz, and Dave Birkenshaw before taking down the win. Keilty finished second, followed by points leader Herb Carlon, Dennis Brilla, and George Colton in fifth place.

Keith DeSanctis earned the tough Super Stock win after racing half the distance in a tough battle with Jonathan Yourga, and closing out the race with side-by-side run against John Provencher. Provencher wound up second, followed by John Warne, Bill Reiman, and Mike Kluczinsky in fifth place.

Riggott Captures 2nd Win Against Mighty Riverside Modifieds

PRO Tour Champ Steve Prescott Scored 100-Lap Victory On August 7th

On Saturday, August 7th, former track champion Ted Riggott of East Hartland, CT, returned to Victory Lane for the second time this season after fighting off some of Riverside Park's top championship contenders and experienced veterans.

Another big winner was Steve Prescott of Gardiner, ME, who won the New England Dodge Dealers PRO Tour 100. Barry Gray of Belchertown, MA, topped the 40-lap Pro Stock field, points leader Herb Carlon of East Windsor, CT, won the 25-lap Sportsman main, and Herb Favreau of Killingworth, CT, raced to the Figure 8 victory.

Riggott took the lead in the 51-lap NAPA Modified race after a lap 12 restart and held off the challenges of Agawam's Ricky Miller in the closing laps. Miller, who trails Modified points leader Eddy Spiers by just 4 points, fell short in his quest for a fifth win. Rounding out the top five were five-time champion Bob Polverari, Rob Summers, and defending champion Jimmy Broderick.

In the Pro Stock race, Gray raced side by side against Windsor Locks, CT driver Les Hinckley III before powering past Hinckley with four laps remaining. Hinckley wound up with a disappointing second-place finish, followed by Jeff Connors, Todd Owen, and three-time defending champion Eddy Carroll III in fifth place.

Carlon used the 25-lap Sportsman event to gain more ground over his challengers for Riverside Park's final Sportsman championship. Carlon has led the standings for several weeks, and increased his lead to 84 points with a "green-white-checker" victory ahead of Glen Reilly, Craig Collins, Andy Breen, and Dennis Brilla.

The Professional Racing Organization (PRO) Tour trucks were also on hand for their final visit to Riverside Park, and Prescott (the 1998 PRO Tour Champion) used his up-front starting position to his advantage. Prescott led the entire 100-lap distance to capture the win.

Rounding out the evening's action was Riverside Park's famous Figure 8 division, and Herb Favreau topped the field for his first win of the year. Erik Comstock finished second, followed by Don Pinette, Joe Jacobs, and Jeff Asselin in fifth place.

Riverside Park Speedway returns to action on Saturday, August 14th, with more exciting NASCAR Winston Racing Series action. August 14th's program will also include the second annual Danbury Racearena Reunion, presented by 195 FM.

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Outdoor Writer

Drought Conditions

Recent drought conditions have brought the Connecticut River to a low water condition that makes it resemble a wading pool more than a river.

Only boats with the most shallow of drafts can safely navigate during these conditions. Extreme caution should be used especially when going under bridges spanning the river. There are many spots that have debris lurking and can cost you a lower unit or worse.

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Watch out for treble hooks on plugs! Remember that without air inside the tube, you probably won't float!

FISH REPORTS

Congamond Lakes continues to give up some jumbo largemouth bass as well as some trout. Kurt at Saunders Marina stated that trout fishermen were working hard for their fish. Deep trolling with lead core or downriggers way paying off for those who knew how to use a fish finder.

Goose Pond in Lee and Otis Reservoir have also checked in some nice bass as well as a few holdover trout.

Connecticut River fishermen are waiting for the return to stable water conditions. Night anglers are doing fairly well on walleyes around the bridge abutments, especially those above the North End Bridge. Action in the Turners Falls section has been described as HOT!

SALT WATER

The Race continues to give up some jumbo blues and some keeper stripers. Black point near Niantic was the hot spot for a couple of friends who were live lining eels. Action was fairly steady and productive.

The mouth of the Connecticut River is giving up fluke, smaller blues, and schoolie stripers along with some keepers. Fishing for blackfish and porgies is starting to pick up.

Cape Cod and the Islands are inundated with stripers! Fish are everywhere and seem to be hitting from both the surf and from trollers in boats. Parachute jigs worked on wire line have been taking their share of cow bass.

Blue fishing is sporadic. Some folks seem to find them on every outing while others complain about lack of action. Find the bait fish, find the blues. Night trips to Alligator Ledge, along with other locations, are starting for the party boat fleet.

Offshore action is picking up. Some yellowfin tuna are being taken at the canyon edges and sharking is still productive.

Mahi Mahi (dolphinfish) are being taken around the hi-flyers marking deep sea lobster pots far offshore. Some real bulls are being caught.

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Athletes should wear shorts and T-shirts to practice in, along with good supporting sneakers and knee pads.

Coach Patricia Demers states that those trying out will not be allowed to practice until they've had a physical at the High School or bring in a form from their own doctor.

St. Mary's School's Golf Classic Slated

St. Mary's School's 10th Annual Golf Classic will take place on Wednesday, September 22nd, at Shaker Farms Country Club in Westfield.

The \$90 entry fee includes greens fees, golf cart, lunch on the course, use of locker and shower facilities, a prime rib dinner, and prizes.

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To register, please call the school's Development Office at 568-1160 before September 17th. (Shaker Farms Country Club REQUIRES the use of soft spikes.)



Golf Tip Of The Week...

Compiled by
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Confidence Builders...

If you're having problems with your putting, you can blame the greens, your putter, the ball, or some weird realignment of the planets. The chances are, however, that the problem also is in your head — you've lost confidence.

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Your priority is to start holing putts, for nothing builds confidence quicker than holing putts of any length.

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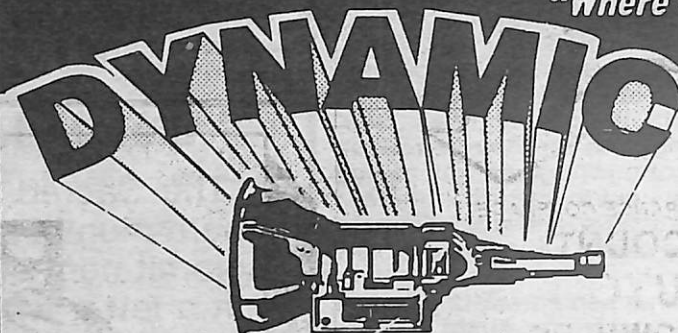


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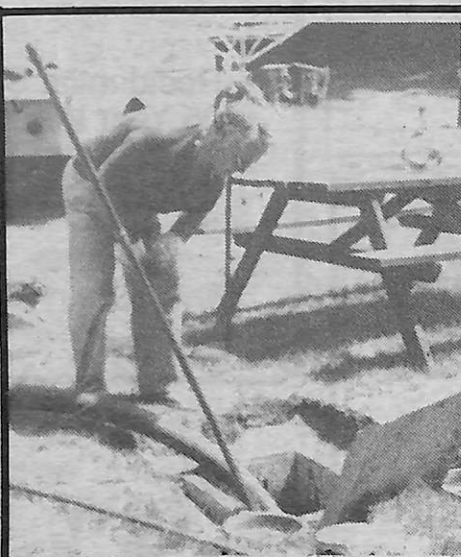
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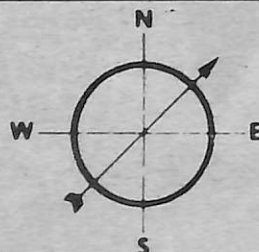
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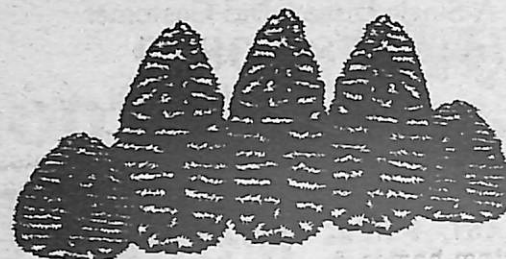
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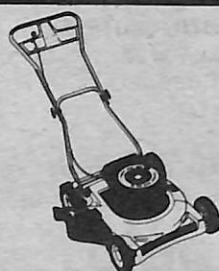
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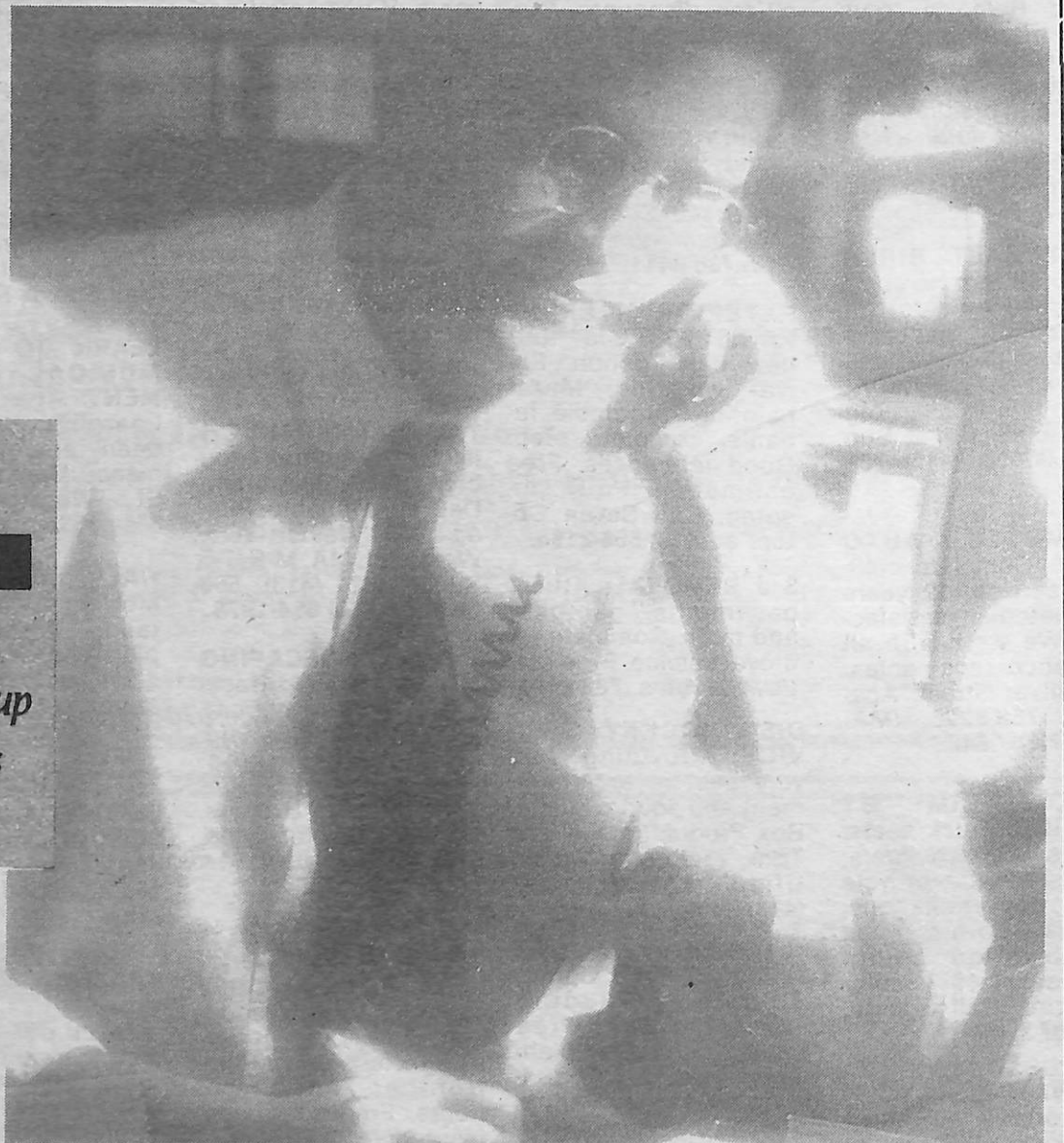
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